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Philippine President Corazon Aguino answers a reporters question during her weakly news conference at the precidential pulace yesterday. (Reuter witephoto) Story Page 5

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Pakistan raising nuclear profile

NEW DELHI, May 28, (Reuter): An Indian defence expert said tody Pakistan was raising its nuclear prolife to be able to bold out a credible threat to India in case the two countries go to war over Kashmir.

Retired Air Commodore Jasjit Singh was commenting on a London newspaper report which said the US and Soviet governments feared a nuclear war between India and Pakistan.

Singh, head of the institute of Defence Studies and Analyses, said the report quoting US intelligence sources confirmed that Pakistan was already a nuclear weapons state or very

close to being one. In Islamabad, a Foreign Ministry official denied Pakistan possessed nuclear arms but diplomats said the ouclear option remained one of the greatest fears.

"It scares me to death," said one Islamabad-based European diplomat. "It seems hard to believe that either side would be so stupid but war is not rational."

An Indian Defence Ministry spokesman declined comment. The consensus in Delhi appeared to be that any conflict between India and Pakistan would be

unlikely to go nuelcar. "The possibility of use is very low, Pakistan cannot risk it. Its friends will not allow it to happen Nuclear is a political weapon: Its political value must

be exploited. It is useless once it has been used." Singh said. The use of nuclear weapons would be an act of such desperate. lunacy it is almost inconceiva-

ble," a senior Western diplomat said. "Military preparations on

both sides so far are defensive and responsibly so," he added. "I think it's a hit far-fetched," said another. "We are still several turns of the ratchet away from a war and war is still uolik-

Kids' cold cure to defeat tear-gas

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, May 28. (Reuter): Palestinians are sniffing a children's cold cure to neutralise the effects of tear-gas. Capsules of the decongestant Karvol are fast disappearing from pharmacy shelves, chemists

report.
"Breathe Karvol to prevent the smell of tear-gas. Keep u capsule in your pocket and use it when necessary." read an advertisement in east Jerusalem's Al Ouds Arahic newspaper.

BAGHDAD, May 28, (Agencies): Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, relishing his role as Arab champion against Israel and the West, mocked the United States at an Arab summit in Baghdad today.

Defying Washington's advice to restrain his language, he repeated threats to retaliate in kind if Israel launched a chemical or nuclear attack on any Arab country.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak urged the Arabs to send the world "a humane and rational message" in a conciliatory speech which contrasted with the Iraqi leader's combative tone.

Arafat calls for revival of Joint Defence Council; Mubarak tries to calm Arab alarm at Jewish influx

KingHussein urges to use oil weapon; we have weapons of total destruction: Saddam

We'll hit hard, Arabs warn US, Israel

"If Israel attacks, we will hit back strongly, and if it uses weapons of total destruction against our (Arab) nation, we will use against it the weapons of total destruction which we have. There can be no concessions on liberating Palestine, Saddam told the opening summit session.

Authorities elamped curfew io

three city neighborhoods today

following continued violence

and sniper attacks, official sour-

The senator was visiting

Federal-B-Area, a locality

predomioantly inhabited by Urdu-speaking ethnic Mohajir

He had gone oo a peace mis-

sioo to Federal-B-Area from his

bungalow in posh P.E.C.H.S

Siddiqui, who belonged to

residential sector of Karachi,

Five heads of state have stayed away, including Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, who has dismissed the gathering as an Iraqi propaganda stunt.

Sniping at Washington's policies, the Iraqi president said an Israeli attack would not be possible without support from US imperialism "And I add the word imperialism now after I read the US State Department's note, which advised us against using the expression." he said.

We Arabs are the target for these American policies and we must tell America frankly that it can't continue this policy while claiming friendship with the Arabs.

Senator shot dead

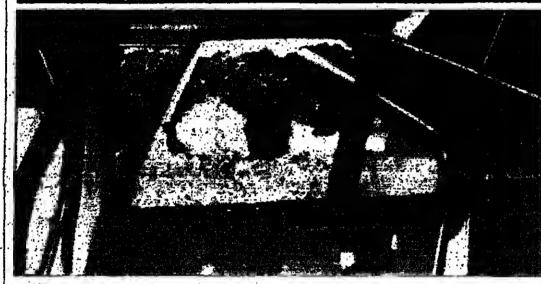
Pakistan toll rises to 152; President blames police

KARACHI, May 28, (Agencies): Marauding gunmen today killed 15 more people including a leading opposition senator in a contiouing wave of bloodshed that has gripped Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's home province, authorities said.

Senator Mohsin Siddiqui was shot and killed while going to a hospital to visit survivors of sniper attacks yesterday.

The 65-year-old legislator's death intensified calls by his Pakistan Muslim League and other opposition parties for the federal government to declare a state of emergency in southern Sind province, governed by Benazir's Pakistan People's Party.

At least 14 other people were shot and killed and 40 others wounded today in sniper shootings and clashes between rival ethnic groups and security forces deployed throughout Karachi, authorities said.



IRA claims

The Frish Republican Army (IRA) claimed responsibility on Manday for killing two Australian touriets in the Netherlands and said the men had been mistaken for British

The :RA, said in a statement issued to the media in Dublin that it regietted the deaths

The two men, who had been travelling in a British-registered car, were shot dead by masked men in the southern Dutch town of Roermond on Sunday night. Picture shows the body of one lying in the back of the car

(Rautes wirephoto) (See earlier story page 7)

Three released Govt to in kidnap case shares After questioning

By Fathima Ahmed Arab Times statt

KEWAIT'S securitymen on Sunday released three men after questioning them in the case of a 15-year-old Goin garl who was abducted from the airport car park last week, sour-

oes suid. The girl's father, who works as a driver in a Kuwarti hume, was calked to identify the suspects. The father tuld police that the detained suspects were not the ones involved in the The 13-year-old girl, who was yes-terday released from hospital follow-ing treatment, had come to Kuwait on a holiday. On the day of the incident, the girl and her father were stopped by three men, posing as air-

port security.

The father was asked to accompany one of the men to "sort out the girl's visa papers," which the man claimed were not in order. After the man took the father to the arrivals

Mandela hospitalised

JOHANNESBURG, May 28, (UPI): Black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela has been trospitalised in a private Johannesburg clinic, apparently suffering a prostate problem, state-run television reported lonight. The relevision buildin said the 71-year-old Mandela, who underwent prostate surgery several years ago, was hospitalised last night.

committee last year.

Khorafi, in a statement to Kuna, said the transfer will be implemented within the few coming days by the Public Authlounge, the girl was abducted. ority for Investment, the government's investment tool at home.

The plan would be begun with the sale of the government's shareholdings in some closed and unlisted companies so that the sale would oot affect trading

on the stock market. (Details Page 13)

KUWAIT, May 28, (Kuna): Finance Mioister Jassem Mohammed Al Kborafi said

today the government will soon transfer its shareholdings in 13

closed firms to the private sector

as recommended by an economie

Mobajir community of Karachi, was basic member of the Pakistan Muslim League (Junejo group) which is a component of the Islamic Jamhoori Ittehad. He was a vocal member of the parliamentary opposition aod was critical of the policies of the PPP in his speeches io the senate. The National Assembly which was in session was adjourned.

community.

Presideot Ghulam Ishaq Khan denounced police for an "ill-planned" operation and "indiscriminate firing" as the killings raised the death toll in three days of elashes in Sind to at

Ishaq Khan, quoted by a spok-esman in Islamabad, called for a judicial inquiry into the actions of Sind police in the city of Hyderabad. His strong remarks were unusual, as administration is considered the prime minister's responsibility.

The army brought relative calm to Hyderabad, where 99 people were killed oo Sunday in clashes between security forces and rioters.

Troops patrolled the streets with shoot-to-kill orders after police were withdrawn from the most sensitive districts. Some residents shouted slogans from rooftops welcoming the soldiers, witnesses said.

The violence increased domesuc pressure oo Benazir as she tries to handle a row with New Delhi over a Muslim revolt in India's disputed Kashmir state, political analysts said.

The analysts said Benazir might be forced to give in to opposition demands for direct federal rule in Sind and a bigger role for the army, both unpopular moves which would damage her party.

The President urged Benazir (Continued on Page 2)



Saddam Hussem during the opening ceremony of the Arab summit (Reuter



Mubarak during the opening ceremony of the Arab summit (Reuter wirephoto)

Israel assures Jordan

We won't attack

May 28, (AP): A senior aide to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir today assured Jordan's Kiog Hussein that Israel is not threatening the Hashemite king-

The assurance followed a speech by Husseio to Arab leaders meeting in Baghdad in which the monarch appealed for military and economic help.

Yossi Ben-Aharoo, Shamir's office director, also said Israel was taking seriously threats by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to use "weapons of total destrue-

response to a similar attack on He added that "Saddam has shown that he is true to his word,

weapons of mass destruction" during the Gulf war. in an interview with the Associated Press, Ben-Aharon focused on a speech by King

that he has not hesitated to use

Hussein, who appealed to Arab leaders to help Jordan beef up its wavering economy and buttress its military power. Hussein warned that "abandoning Jordan is abandoning Palestine."

In a note to Arab countries before the summit, the State Department voiced concern at Iraq's "irresponsible" language about the use of missiles and chemical weapons.

In March, Britain and the United States accused Iraq of

Bomb blast kills one OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 28, (AP): A pipe bomh exploded today in an outdoor market crowded with holiday shoppers, killing an elderly Israeli and wounding nine, police and hospital officials said. Israeli officials linked the hlast to the start of the Arab summit. (Details Page 9)

trying to smuggle US-made nuclear triggers. Saddam said Iraq had no nuclear arms programme but possessed hinary chemical weapons and if attacked would "burn half of Israel."

"The confrontation (with any aggressor) must be total, on sea, io the air, on land, in the canals and in the straits," Saddam told

Mubarak, whose country is the second biggest recipient of US aid after Israel, defended iraq's right to acquire tect nology, but otherwise sounded a

much less belligerent note. "The Arab message to the outside world should be humane and rational, in line with the values and concepts of the age," he said, without openly disagreeing with

his ally. Mubarak sought to calm Arab alarm at the influx of Soviet Jews to Israel, the main topic of the summit. He said contacts with Washington had led him to expect "a series of calculated steps to limit the negative effects of the emigration" in the next few

The Arab leaders will write to presidents George Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev about the influx, ahead of this week's superpower summit in Washing-

months.

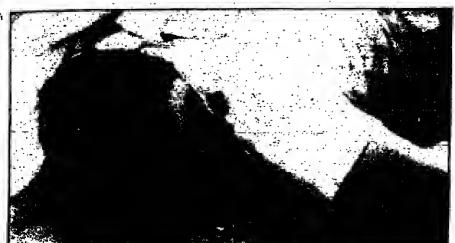
ton.
The Palestine Liberation Organisation asked for the summit to organise an effective response to the Soviet Jews, 150,000 of whom are expected to reach Israel this year. Árabs fear many will settle in the occupied territories, destroying Palestinian dreams of a separate state. Iraq offered to host the meet-

ing after tangling with the West (Continued on Page 2)

Weather

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Twenty-two dead in Armenian clashes



An Armenian driver lays in a pool of blood after being farally wounded during skirmishes. (Reuter

'Call for resolute measures'

MOSCOW, May 28, (Agencies): Soviet troops killed 20 Armenians and lost two from their own ranks in clashes with militants that turned oationalist celebrations into a day of mourning today, the Armenpress news agency said.

Armenian Communist Party chief Vladimir Morsisyan appeared on television and described yesterday's clashes at Yerevan railway station and near an army base to the south as a "tragic day for Armenia," an Armenpress journalist said.

"Instead of independence day celebrations, we have a day of mourning. I call on people to show restraint," Armenpress quoted Morsisyan as saviog.

General Yuri Shatalio, commander of Soviet interior troops, accused Armenian authorities of not doing enough against the militants and called for "resolute measures" to disarm them. "Our troops do not want this blood-

shed, but the terrorists are forcing them into it," he said. Shatalin, who flew to Yerevan at the

weekend, said he had met leaders of armed Armeoian groups who refused his request that they surrender their weapons, Tass reported.

This afternoon, more than 100,000 people held a rally to mark the anniversary of the short-lived independent Armenian republic, founded in 1918 and crushed by Russian Bolshevik troops two years later.

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Gulf oil producers ready to stabilise market

BAGHDAD, May 28, (Reuter): United Arab Emirates Oil Minister Mana Said Al Oteiba said today that three major Gulf Arab producers were

ready to act to prop up falling oil prices.
"We are always ready to do what we see fit to restore stability to the petroleum market," Oteiba told Reuters after a meeting with the oil ministers of Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

He would oot say what action the three would take. Their meeting took place on the sidelines of an Arab summit meeting which opened in Baghdad

Gulf oil officials said before the summit that Iraq and other Arab oil exporters, hurting from low prices, might use the Baghdad meeting to tackle over-production by some Gulf members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Opec's 13 oil ministers agreed earlier this month to cut output by six per cent to reverse a 25 per cent slide in world oil prices this year.

The sources say effective Opec cuts totalled 700,000 to 900,000 bpd compared with the promised 1.445 million bpd for the May-July period.



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> This is due to unforeseen circumstances.

over its drive to develop advanced military industries.

Egypi and other pro-Western Arah countries have been trying to curb some of the anti-American rhetoric which Iraqi-led radicals inserted at a foreign ministers' meeting last week.

Jordan's King Hussein, in his

speech to the summit, said the influx of Jews was a danger to all Arabs. Jordan, as a financially exhausted frontline state, needed

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"It is crystal clear that Jordan

alone...cannot withstand the Israeli threat. We have exhausted all our material resources over and above the burden of our national debt," he said.

use their oil wealth to influence world politics. The Jordanian monarch noted: "Our region contains 65 per cent of the oil reserves in the world, and through the Gulf pass 40 per cent of oil shipments...

These resources, he said, "if



Arab Summit. (Reuter wirephoto)

Armenia

Armenpress described the meeting as somhre and said a planned march had been called off. Funerals were exepected to take place

omorrow.
"Military vehicles are still moving through the streets, hut they are not in the city centre, "an Armenpress journalist said.

President Mikhail Gorhachev's political reforms have unleashed fierce nationalist resentments in the Transcaucasus region, suppressed by decades of Soviet leadership.

Hundreds have died in ethnic clashes hut the latest eruption, along with peaceful rebellion in the Baltic and economic crisis in Russia's heartland, poses serious problems for Moscow.

The Armenian Interior Ministry told Reuters by telephone that six armed Armenian militants were killed early yesterday when they opened fire on troops escorting a train into Yerevan station. One soldier died in the attack.

King Hussein urged Arabs to

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Armenpress and the independent Interfax news agency said 14 people, including a soldier, were killed and dozens injured in a gunfight near the local Soviet army beadquarters at Erebuni. south of Yerevan, last evening. The Armenian National

Movement (ANM) said the dead included a 13-year-old girl and that 30 civilians were injured in

The ANM said its headquarters also came under fire from troops and a man sleeping in a car outside was killed. The car was riddled with

bullets. The front of the building is also pitted with the impact of bullets," an ANM spokesman said by telephone. "This is all a provocation to wreck out independence day celebrations."

An earthquake rumbled across northern Armenia last night in the same region that was devastated by the December 1988 quake that killed 25,000 people, the Tass said.

among the vigorous powers within the movement of his-

seeking to produce weapons of mass destruction, but Mubarak suggested, instead, a "nuclear, chemical and biological weapons-free Middle East."

He told the Arah summit in

"I call on the Joint Defence Council to meet immediately, isation (PLO) said.

"We want to present to the Security Council a draft resolu-tion calling for UN observers to

Asked if the threat of a US veto would deter them, Kaddoumi said: "No, we want to show the world that what the Americans

The Jordanian monarch, whose country shares the longest front with Israel, also asked the richer participants for financial aid to buttress Jordan's flagging economy and help sustain the Palestinian intifadeh, or uprising in the Israeli occupied West Bank

and Gaza Strip.

He said he was puzzled bow

Arabs "celebrate day and night to continue ..

Jordan from a stronghold into a crack in the Arab front," he said. We need your support now, not tomorrow, not in the future.

support for its armed forces to enable them to defend the Arab frontline against Israel. "We have reached a point

out your support. In an impassioned speech, King Hussein said the Baghdad conference, attended by representatives of 19 of the Arab League's 21 members, was the

tory."
King Hussein desended Iraq
against accusations that it was

Revive

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat asked Arab leaders to revive a Joint Arah League Defence Council and boycot! anyone helping Soviet Jews

Baghdad the United States was providing "flagrant support and scandalous connivance" in Israel's settlement of Jews in occupied West Bank and Gaza

Strip.

He was apparently referring to
the Israeli-annexed Golan Heights, captured from Syria in the 1967 Middle East war, and Israel's self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon.

within one month, to confront these challenges and threats and to protect Arah national security," Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organ-A senior Palestine Liberation

Organisation official said on Monday the PLO was determined to force a United Nations vote on a proposal to send UN observers to Israeli-occupied territories.

be followed by UN troops," said Farouk Kaddoumi, bead of the political department.

really are."

the intifadeb and not make available sufficient funds for it 'Israel is plotting to change

The king said Jordan needed

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most critical and important Arab summit to date.

"Our enemies do not differentiate between those with empty



Sheikh Khalite of Qetar ettends the opening session of the Arab summit.



King Fand of Saudi Arabia (right) discusses with his Foreign Minister Saud Al Faisal during the opening session of the Arab summit. (Reutsr wirepholo)

coffers and huge debts on the one hand, and those with enormous surpluses on the other. We are all sitting on a powder keg which will spare nobody if it is set off,"
he declared.

"We are confronting all the dangers of Jewish immigration to the Arab occupied territories, the malicious and unwarranted campaign which is currently being waged against Iraq and the sinister designs being hatched against Jordan, all as episodes of one series," be said.

King Hussein reiterated his country's solidarity with Iraq in its war of words with Western nations critical of Baghdad's attempts to develop sopbisticated military industries.

He aired fears about the emmigration of Soviet Jews to

Israel, saying it was a plot to undermine his country. In whose place will those immigrants settle? And where will the Palestinian people be pushed?" he asked.

Egyptian Presiden! Hosni Mubarak warned that the Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel and settling them io the occupied Arab territories would adversely affect the future of peace and the security and stability of the countries of the regioo.

Mubarak said be sensed an understanding by Soviet and US Presidents George Busb and Mikhail Gorbachev and other European leaders to the Arab stance loward the Jewish immigration.

He predicted that the coming months would witness calculated

measures to limit the negative impact of this immigration and to halt the damage it causes to the national Arab security.

He emphasised that the Arabs would reject usurping of lands by Israel and stressed that the Palestimian people have given the, evidence throughout history that they are able to confront the challenge with a strong determination.

He also said that the peace the Arabs are calling for is a peace that is based on justice and right and rejects the status quo. Threats

Speaking about the threats against Iraq, President Mubarak stressed that all Arab countries have voiced support to Iraq in face of these threats.

He also pledged his country's support to Jordan in face of threats made by irresponsible elements which be did not identify, and said any threat against the entity of Jordan or its safety, and stability would be firmed dealt with.

As for his initiative which calls for making the Middle East an area free of weapons of mass destructioo, Mubarak said if this proposal is implemented it would guarantee the Arab existence in the present and future. Delayed

The summi! was delayed for several bours loday while Libyan leader Col. Moammar Khaddafi made a last-minute effort to persuade Assad to attend and display a united Arab front against

the West. The summit had been scheduled to open in Baghdad's Ornate Conference Centre at 10.30 am (0730 GMT).

Violation Tunisian President Zein Al Abedin Ben Ali said the vicious Western campaign against Iraq is a result of the state of disarray

in the Arab world. Ben Ali described the resettlement of Soviet Jews in the occupied territories as "a flagrant violation of the principle of the Geneva accord."

He added that Israei's refusal to recognise the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people as well as rejecting any dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organisation proves that Israel still insists on mounting tensions in the

The Tunisian president stres-sed that this "complicated" situation does not help in resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict in accordance with the inter-national fegitimacy but rather will destabilise the region.

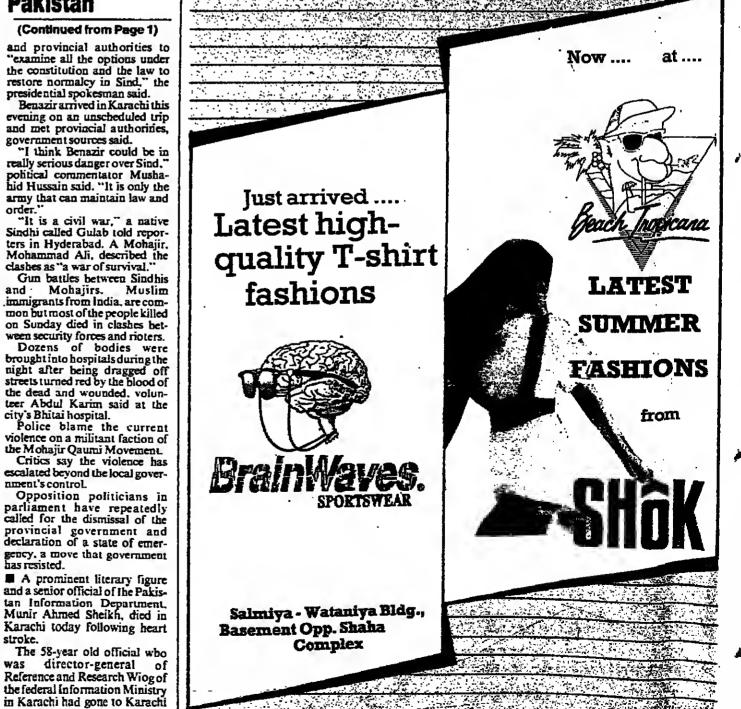
Henoted that Israel still insists on pursuing the policy of expansion and rejection all peace initiatives, noting that Ibe "wbole world knows that Israel is the party that rejects inter-national legitimacy."

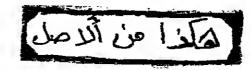
The Amir

His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed, today called on the Amir of Bahrain Sheikh Issa Al Khalifa

at his residence. Sheikh Jaber later in the evening called on Egyptian President Hosni Mnbarak a! his staying.







for angio-graphy.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

ELIZABETH, New Jersey: A street that runs beside Mickey Spiliane's old elementary school now bears the author's name.

One of Spillane's grade school teachers showed up for the dedication ceremony attended by the writer Thursday, along with dozens of young students from the Theodore Roosevelt elementary and middle schools.

"At least it's paved," the 72year-old Spillane said of Mickey Spillane way, which runs by the schools. "If it wasn't paved, I wouldn't go.

Spillane, who has written more than 40 detective novels featuring the hard-boiled private detective Mike Hamme said he attended grades three through six at Roosevelt elementary.

The writer's family moved to Elizabeth in 1918, when he was a month old. He lived here until his senior year of high school, he

Spillane has been living in Murrell's Inlet. South Carolina. where he is finishing a novel and rebuilding his home. The novel was lost and the house destroyed last fall in hurricane Hugo. (AP)

NEW YORK: A key figure in \$150 million real estate scam whose victims included Eddie Murphy and actress Kirstie Alley has been sentenced to 16 to 48 years in prison.

Louis Rosen of University Heights, Ohio, was sentenced Wednesday on 37 counts, including grand larceny and securities fraud. Prosecutors said he was the comptroller in deals set up by tax-shelter hustler John Peter Galaniei prosecutors said.

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District attorney Robert Morgenthan said Rosen made about \$1 million from a variety of schemes, including one involving the sale of limited partnerships in hotels and store space in Atlantic city, New

Murphy, Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Boomer Exists and alley, of the television series Cheers, were among 1,300 people drawn into the Atlantic City scheme in 1985, Morgenthau said.

Gerald Mckelvey a spokesman for the district attorney, said Esiason lost \$79.800, alley lost \$93,500 and murphy lost \$240.375.

Rosen, 64, is free on bond pending appeal. Galanis, from San Diego, carlier pleaded guilty and is. serving a sentence of seven to 21 years in prison, along with year sentence from another

case. (AP) HEMINGFORD GREY. England: Children's author Lucy Boston has died at the age of 97 at her home, n 12th century manor that was the setting and inspiration for her

books, her son said Sunday. Mrs Boston, whose bestknown work was The Children of Green Knowe, suffered a stroke 12 weeks ago and died Friday evening, said her son Peter Boston, illustrator of most

of her books. Many of her 18 books were translated into Japanese, Swedish, German and Afrikaans, and "The Children of Green Knowe" was adapted into a serial for British

Broadcasting Corp. television in Mrs Boston wrote a series of green Knowe books as well as The Castle of Yew, The Sea Egg. Nothing said, The Guardians of The House, and The Fossil Snake. In 1960 she was awarded

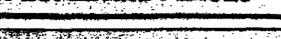
the Carnegie Medal for ehildren's books. Mrs Boston bought the manor, one of the oldest inhabited houses in England, in a semi-dereliet condition in 1938

and restored it. HARMONY, California: The

price of harmony is \$1.8 million. Not domestic harmony, mind you. Village Harmony or rather, the village of Harmony, population 18 the last time anyhody counted, located on the central California coast 180 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

Movie stars need not apply to huy this town. Not the kind that are looking for Glitz and glamour anyway. What this town needs is someone interested in keeping the rustic. slow pace of the place and making sure the resident artists are happy.

The community supports about a dozen shops with works hy local weavers, potters and glass blowers, and homemade pasta at the old Harmony pasta factory and saloon. (AP)





Thousands of World War Two veterans attend a remembrance service al Dunkirk May 27. (Reuter

eterans commemorate

DUNKIRK, France, May 28, (AP): Thousands of veterans of the Dunkirk evacuation assembled on a beachfront yesterday to honour contrades killed 50 years ago in one of World War II's most crucial

The veterans, most of them British and many supporting themselves with canes or umbrellas, watched as a royal navy helicopter dropped a wreath of poppies amidst a circle of dozens of the "Little Ships" which helped rescue traped Allied troops in

1940. They also prayed and sang hymns.
"God Save The Queen" was sung as the former soldiers deployed in ranks under their regimental standards. At least 15,000 people; including relatives and onlookers, were present.

The veterans marched or rode to the beach from n ceremony in the city centre, rebuilt after almost total destruction in the German bombardment that chased the Allied soldiers to the seaside.

"Some of us have been here before," Lord Donald Kaberry, president of the Dunkirk Yeterans Association, told the assembled throng, which included French, Belgian, Dutch and Australian

veterans, as well as the Britons. "We were here 50 years ago, when we crossed the beaches and went back to the United Kingdom to regroup, fight again and win," said Kaberry, 82. He was an acting major in the British expeditionary force when he was evacuated with 338,000 other

Allied troops in what became known as "the miracle of Dunkirk." Some 6,000 British veterans and their relatives visited this port city in far northern France for weekend celebrations commemorating operation Dynamo, when a ragtag fleet of 800 naval vessels, barges, fishing boats and pleasure craft railied to

in train game

MELBOURNE, Australia, May

28, (AP): Two men were

seriously injured when struck by

a train's undercarriage as they

tried to lie between the tracks and

let the rail cars pass over them,

Police acting superintendent

Alan Maclean said yesterday

there were indications that the

stunt had been tried before suc-

cessfully, but this particular

train's undercarriage was lower

The driver saw the victims and

braked but could not stop in

than others that used the line.

Winstoo Churchill's call to save the Allied armies

from the encircling Wehrmacht. Seventy-three of the so-called Little Ships, many involved in the operation, hraved choppy Channel waters on Thursday in a crossing from Dover to Dunkirk to join the commemorations. Some sprang leaks, hut most were able to muster in a circle

offshore yesterday. Ceremonies included speeches by British Transport Secretary Cecil Parkinson and French officials, but the stars of the show were the old soldiers themselves, who eagerly swapped war stories ranging from the indisputably accurate to the real whop-

"We came back to rejoice and to thank everyone who made our crossing so good and so safe," said Maj. Gen. V.H.J. Carpenter, British chairman of the Dunkirk Veterans Association. "Our thanks

knows no bounds." Many of the veterans returned with their wives to point out landmarks and dance the night away to the sounds of Glenn Miller and other big band era

giants. Others, their lives altered by time, brought younger family members.

"I've lost my wife but I've brought along my daughter and my two grandchildren," said Charles Franklin, 71, of Truro, England, hugging his young grandson. "It's important for this young chap to see

The commemoration was clearly a thanksgiving rather than a celebration. Nobody forgot that the evacuation, which included 120,000 French and Belgian troops, followed a bitter Allied defeat hy the lightning-like strike of Hitler's Panzer divisions through Holland, Belgium and France.

Aussies Boston blaze kills 6 2 badly hurt

Careless smoking caused fire

BOSTON, May 28, (AP): A fire possibly started by a cigarette killed all five members of a young family and a visitor at their home yesterday in the deadliest blaze in Boston in 18 years, officials said.

Firefighters arrived on the sceee about three minutes after the fire was reported io the wooden duplex, but flames spread too fast for the occupants to be saved, said fire commissioner Leo Stapleton.

"These were old wooden buildings, about 100 years old, so the fire spread very quickly," he said. "It raced up the stairs into the

Stapleton said he suspected a cigarette left in an overstuffed chair might have sparked the

"We know one of the male occupants had been smoking earlier in the evening," Stapleton

said.
The fire leaped to an adjoining huilding and crossed an alley to a third huilding, hut no other injuries were reported, Stapleton

It was the worst hlaze in the city since 1972, wheo nine firefighters died battling a fire at the Hotel Vendome, Stapleton

The great American pyramid, temple for tourists, coming to Tennessee

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, May 28, (AP): The steel skeleton of the great American pyramid is taking shape on the banks of the Mississippi river in this southern US state.

In one respect, the construction of this multimillion-dollar monolith harkens back to the namesake of this Tennessee city - the other Memphis was the ancient capital of

But this will be a temple for tourists, oot a shrine to the Pharaohs. The 32-story stainless steel structure will combine attractions keyed to the modern and ancient versions of Memphis.

The idea for the pyramid dates back a few years and spriogs from the desire of some Memphis folk to create "a signature of the city," said Mitzi Swentzell, a pyramid com-

pany official. Among the sites under the peak will be an arena, a cafe, and an "Egyptian experience" with replicas of ancient artifacts and a

simulated boat ride through the netherworld. The \$200-million project is scheduled to open next summer and businessman Sidney Shlenker, the chief promoter, says he's con-

Construction began last September and the outlioe of the pyramid, formed by dark steel beams and cables, has already altered the

Basic construction costs will be froanced by local governments and recovered through lease payments from the developers.

Attractions in and around the pyramid and at a companion tourist park will cost the developers about \$80 million, according to the latest estimates from Shlenker's staff.

Mounties net tonnes of hashish

Possibly biggest seizure in North America

RAGGED HARBOUR, Canada, May 28, (AP): Mounties netted tonnes of hashish in a sparsely populated bay yesterday in what may be the biggest hashish seizure ever made in North America, officials said.

A suspicious fisherman's tiposs about unusual behaviour led Royal Canadian Mounted Police to Ragged Harbour, along Nova Scotia's south shore.

The smugglers, apparently spooked at being seen, escaped has left the hurlap-wrap-ped bales of hashish in nearby woods and underwater in a large inflatable pontoon raft

they apparently tried to hide by scuttling. Two smaller outboard-powered inflatables boats were also scuttled.

The Mounties had not yet weighed the haul late yesterday but one estimated it weighed 15 10 20 tonnes and another estimated it at 20 to

If it is 30 tonnes, it would be worth \$200 million to 250 million Canadian dollars (\$169 million to \$211 million US) and would be the biggest such haul in North American history, said staff Sgt Jim Carter of the Mounties office in Liverpool

Police believe the hashish was unloaded from a mother ship offshore.

Sgi Don Rowai of the Yarmouth drug section said Canadian Air Forces planes searehed for the ship until dark but did not find it. The smugglers apparently were hringing the drugs to the beach in the pontoon raft, theo intended to reload it into the smaller

inflatables for transport across a small cove to a semi-trailer, which the Mounties found empty and without its tractor.

"They were caught in the middle of just starting to unload," Carter said.

Ancient beasts' remains found

SUVA, Fiji, May 28, (AP): A group of scuba divers is said to have discovered what could be the remains of four prehistorie creatures in a remote underwater cave off a resort island in the

north of Fiji. Professional diver Kevin Deacon said last night that the find was made last week by members of the Douglas family, who operate the Matagi Island Resort, about 200 kms (135 miles) northeast of the capital,

Deacon, who has taken pictures of the remains and is over-seeing an initial survey of the coral cave, said the animals seem

to have been reptiles. "We have found (the remains of) what appears to be two adults, one adolescent and a juvenile," he said in a telephone interview from Matagi. "They bear no resemblance to any marine creature I know.

He said the adult skulls were about one metre (yard). They looked to be land animals or some amphihious species, he The cave, now part of a reef

about 50 metres (yards) underwater, may ooce have been above sea level. Douglas said that one of the

discoverers, Nigel Douglas, was showing a videotape of the remaios to scientists in the United States.



Smooth progress

THE US space agency reported unusually smooth progress on Sunday and predicted good weather for space shuffle Columbia's blastoff to release a powerful observatory that will examine the fife cycles of stars and

We're tracking no problems, and we're a couple of hours ahead on some systems, said countdown director Mike Lenbach of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, it's not normal, but it's the way we like it The shuffe's seven astronauts arrived on Sunday from

their training base in Houston to get ready for Wednes-day's scheduled 1238 am EDT (0438 GMT) liftoff. The takeoff for the ten-day mission was delayed for two weeks because of an air-conditioning problem

Stationed in the shuttle's payload bay is the \$148-million Astro observatory, four telescopes capable of detecting light the human eye cannot see.

Above, mission commander Vance Brand kisses wife Beverly while payload specialist Samuel Durrance hugs

Cruise ship grounded at Delaware Bay

Refloating efforts put off

FORTESCUE, New Jersey May 28, (UPI): The coast guard decided today to wait until high tide to try to refloat a cruise ship stuck on the sandy hottom of Delaware Bay, giving 1,360 passengers and crew ao unexpected extension on a trip from the Bahamas

A coast guard ship was stationed near the M.V. Regency Star to route traffic away from the disabled craft and monitor for any leaks or damage, officials Coast guard officials said there had been no reports the vessel had been taking on water since it

No injuries were reported among the ship's 1,360 passengers and crew. But petty officer Darayl Tompkins said officials

(196-m) vessel was polluting the water.

had called off an attempt to free the craft at high tide around midnight yesterday, opting instead to attempt the procedure around high tide this after-

was grounded early yesterday, or that the 642-foot

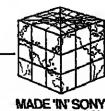
"They didn't want to do anything in the dark,"

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Attack on Contras cannot be proved

MANAGUA, May 28, (UPI): An investigative commission led by UN and Organisation of American States observers found no evidence of an alleged Sandinista attack on a group of demobilised Contras, a source close to the investigation said yesterday.

"It seems the commanders of the (Contras) who were negotiating disarmament and demobilisation with the government were fed false information," said the source, who asked not to be identified.

On Friday, Contra leader Oscar Sovalharro, known as Commander Ruben, broke-off renewed demobilisation talks with the government of President Violeta Chamorro. He accused the army of attacking a group of demobilised Contras in the town of Waslala, 160 miles (260 km) north of Managua, killing 17

Chamorro responded by ordering an investigation of the incident by an international commission composed of United Nations observers for Central America, representatives of the OAS, the Nicaraguan government, the Army, Contras and envoys from Roman Catholic Cardinal Miguel Obando Y

Bravo.

"No incident occurred in the area," said Santiago Murray of the OAS, concluding the investigation. "We bave not found proof of the existence of any of the deaths alleged by the Con-

During Saturday's investigation, the government sealed off with heavily armed police the hotel where the rebels were staying during the talks, preventing the Contra leaders from leaving the grouds of the Managua Hotel.

Late Saturday night, upon completion of the investigation into the alleged Waslala incident, the police barrier was removed. Sovalbarro said Contras were

still unwilling to talk and that the disarmament and demobilisation would remain suspended. The talks are suspended, as well as the disarmament and

demobilisation. We are returning to El Almendro," he said. El Almendro is a security zone 148 miles (240 km) southwest of Managua.

Col. Manuel Maldonado, a member of the UN commission overseeing the demobilisation of the Contras said, "the investigation is continuing."

However, another source from the investigative commission said, "there is nothing more to investigate. The Contras were deceived and should return to the

Political adviser to the Contras Aristides Sanchez said US Secretary of State James Baker spoke with Chamorro by phone Saturday to inquire about the Contras being held by police in their botel.

Interior Minister Carlos Hurtado denied the Contras were sequestered or held captive. "They were only detained for their own security," he said.

■ Cuba: A Soviet scholar said on Sunday he believed Moscow's aid to Cuba would gradually come to an end and that economic ties between the two countries would be put on a commercial basis.

The Soviet Union now spends an estimated \$4 billion a year to support the Cuban economy. The figure excludes arms aid. (Reuter)

■ Guatemaia: The mediator in talks starting in Madrid today between Guatemalan guerrillas and political leaders said he was optimistic on progress towards ending a civil war which has killed more than 100,000 people m almost 30 years.

"We are taking some important steps on the road to a solution." the archibishop of Guatemala, Rodolfo Quezada, told reporters on arrival in the

Spanish capital. (Reuter)

Dominican Republican

Dominican Liberation Party presidential candidate Juan Bosch said Sunday he deplores the absence of former US President Jimmy Carter in the recount of May 16 election tally

The Central Electoral Council on Monday begins a review of the tally sheets prepared at each polling station.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, May 28, (AP): One recent Sunday morning, President Fernando Collor de Mello climbed into

the co-pilot's seat of an F-5B fighter plane

and zoomed off for an hour of aerial

acrobatics with a Brazilian Air Force ace.

At one point, Collor pulled out a camera

and snapped his own picture, in a scene worthy of the movie "Top Gun." The next

day, the photo was on page I of news-

papers across the country.

The stunt was typical of Collor, whose

Premier Mulroney at impasse on Quebec crisis

OTTAWA, May 28, (Reuter): Prime Minister Brian Mulroney failed to move the bardline premier of Newfoundland after a marathon meeting yesterday to solve Canada's constitutional crisis.

In one of the darkest hours for the century-old Canadian confederation, Mulroney has held individual meetings with the 10 provincial premiers this weekend to break an impasse over how to amend the constitution before the June 23 deadline for passing the Meech Lake accord.

Newfoundland, New Brunswick and Manitoba are refusing to pass the accord, which would bring French-speaking Quebec into the 1982 constitution.

The agreement guarantees Quebec the right to protest its status as "a distinct society." The province has said it would consider secession if the deal were not ratified.

"Obviously we have serious problems, we bave some different perceptions of things," Mulroney told reporters yesterday after the four-hour meeting with Newfundland Premier Clyde Wells.

Wells, whose province rescinded approval of the constitutional accord, said he was glad his positions were now being listened to. But, without giving details, he said major differences remain.

"I bave to be honest enough to say the differences

With at least 85 per cent of the vote counted. Gaviria had 2.4 million votes, or 47 per cent, according to official figures. He

was followed by three-time

presidential election loser Alvaro

Gomez of the National Salvation

Movement with 1.2 million, or 24

M-19 guerrilla leader Antomo Navarro and Social Con-

servative Rodrigo Lloreda, figh-ting for third place. Navarro had

12.7 per cent or 674,829 votes, while Lloreda had 636,709, or 12

Gaviria is scheduled to begin a

four-year term Aug 7, replacing Liberal Party President Virgilio

Barco, who is constitutionally

barred from seeking a second

Killings

Officials reported 10 policemen and two other people

were killed in a guerrilla dyn-

amite attack on two vehicles carrying ballots in a rural area of

the state of Huila near the town of Baraya, 125 miles (200 km)

Also, eight officers and two

other people were wounded in

another guerrilla attack near

Vegalarga in the same area, local

In a victory speech at a downt-own Bogota hotel shortly after

Gomez conceded, Gaviria said there would be "no concessions

to narco-terrorism."
But Gaviria also warned that

Colombia's stamina to continue their bloody and costly war could

wane if cocaine-consuming

nations fail to curb their appetite

for the drug. The United States is by far the world's largest

"I want to take this opportun-

ity to address the international

community and tell it that

Colombia is paying a high cost

with the lives of its best men, of its

"We will crush the narco-

terrorism but certainly narcotics

trafficking is a multilateral

problem and the industrialised

countries are doing little to con-

front the consumption of the

drug. If they do not do it, it will be

more difficult each time for the

Colombian people to under-stand that their sacrifice is not

rewarded and could be in vain."

With Gaviria, voters chose the

candidate who took the strongest

stand against the cocaine cartels

who bave penetrated most

Colombian institutions and

emasculated its justice system.

He put the cartels on notice that

"All of those who have wanted

to threaten our democracy, listen

to us," Gaviria said, "the people

have spoken today with courage

Gaviria won promising a ren-

ovation of the nation's politics.

government institutions and

constitution to better confront

the nation's problems. He also praised Colombians for turning

bled political campaign of all of (the nation's) history has come to

an end. Never like today were its

values at risk, its democracy, its

freedom. Never in this time have

the violent ones of all kinds tried

Official returns also showed

overwhelming approval for the

other ballot measure, a call for

the National Assembly to reform

The measure was winning with 89 per cent of the vote to 3.9 per

cent against. The rest of the votes

were apparently left blank.

to destablise our institutions."

"The most difficult and trou-

the vote was against them.

and clarity."

ont to vote.

the constitution.

whirlwind in the placed inland capital of

Brasilia, governed for the past 25 years by

On successive weekends, the country

has watched its leader soar through the air

in an ultralight craft and race along back

roads on a black 1000cc Kawasaki Ninja

motorcycle. He has zipped over waters on

jet-ski and glided beneath them m a sub-

marine. He has bicycled, kayaked, jogged,

swum and practiced karate, soccer and

stern generals and gray bureaucrats.

magistrates, of its judges,

Gaviria said.

cocaine-consuming nation.

Hardline

southwest of Bogota.

successive term.

Two other candidates, former

are substantial and serious, and resolution will not be easy," Wells said.

Earlier yesterday, Mulroney met with New Brun-swick Premier Frank McKenna for more than two bnurs, and emerged much more optimistic.

"I know these are difficult times, but I come away from this meeting with some encouragement for what we might be able to do together." Mulroney

Mulroney has summoned the provincial premiers separately to his mansion on the Ottawa river to try to find a basis of agreement before bolding a meeting

The crisis has overshadowed npcoming talks with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev who visits Canada this week before his Washington summit with President George Bush.

The conservative prime minister is trying to salvage the deal he forged with the provinces in 1987, which is designed to make Quebec a willing partner in the constitution it refused to sign when it was brought back from Britain in 1982.

Quebec backs the Meech Lake accord - named for the Quebec site where it was signed - because it will give it powers to protect its French heritage.



SIMBOLO QUE APATA

Gaviria wins

A child holds up an electoral poster for Colombian Liberal Party presidential candidate Cesar Gaviria, who won the election. (Reuter

Racial attacks upset Swedes

Vow to counterattack

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, May 28, (AP): A challenge to Sweden's liberal immigration policies was stepped up this weekend in a spate of bombings and arson attacks on refugee housing.

Five refugee centres were attacked in less than one week. Yesterday, Prime Minister Ingvar Carisson vowed to go on a counterattack against the "criminal, cowardly scum" perpetrating the assault.

Eleven people were taken to bospital after a smoke grenade was thrown into a refugee home in Motala 150 miles (250 km) south of Stockholm early Satur-

Hours later in Laholm further south, 15 barracks under preparation for refugees were burnt down to the ground.

On Sunday, assailants splasbed gasoline on refugee barracks outside Vasteras, 60 miles (100 km) west of Stockbolm, hut the gas failed to ignite.

Anti-immigration slogans were smeared in several of the incidents, including "Keep Sweden Swedish," the watchword of the small right wing

extremist group BSS.

No arrests have been made. Immigration authorities set up the country where they said 30,000 people are waiting for

replies to asylum applications. The violence started earlier this month, coinciding with a rash of anti-Semitic actions in Europe beginning with desecration of Jewish graveyards in

But anti-immigrant sentiment bas been gathering steam for several months, as a flood of refugee applicants bas filled Swedish facilities to overflowing.

"I do not think this is organised, or reflects public opinion, said Motala police chief Ake Axelsson. "One attack has inspired another," be said in a telephone interview.

The attacks bave upset Swedes, who are still unaccustomed to political violence or open expressions of racism.

"The fires are the plain lan-guage of hate," said the Vestmanlands Lans Tidning, a liberal regional daily. "The anonymous anti-immigration feeling and its tail of violence is threatening fundamental values of our civilisa-

Blast rips post office

vigorous, media-conscious style has char-

med many Brazilians and irritated nthers

'I've always had a passion for sports,'

he recently wrote in a signed article for

Veja, Brazil's largest newsweekly

magazine. "Today, I'm in a position where

At 40, Collor is Brazil's youngest

president and the first to be elected by

popular ballot since 1960. He arrived like a

Collor says he simply loves sports.

since his December election.

I have to set an example."

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain, May 28, (AP): A bomb believed planted by Basque separatists exploded in a post office in this northern city early today causing slight damage hut no injuries, a police spokesman said.

The explosion occurred at 1.15 am (2315 GMT), about 10 minutes after an anonymous caller to the local travellers aid hureau announced the bomb was set to go off, said the spokesman, who was not identified in keeping

with custom.

No group immediately claimed responsibility, but the spokesman said police believed the hlast was the work of the Basque separatist nrganisation

Police bomb squad officers searched the vicinity for other bombs but found none, he said.

ETA seeks independence from Spain for the three-province northern Basque region.

Colombians elect Gaviria 'No concessions to narco-terrorism'

BOGOTA, May 28, (Agencies): President-elect Cesar Gaviria pledged be would make no concessions in the government's war against the powerful cocaine cartels, hut directed a message at the United States saying that the craving for the drug must be overcome.

saying that the craving for the drug must be overcome.
The 43-year-old economist and Liberal Party candidate who swept to a convincing victory in Sunday's election, said failure to curb drug use could dampen Colombians' will to battle the cocaine czars.

Gaviria, who won 47 per cent of the vote in an election held under threats of bombing hy the violent Medellin cartel, supports the current

government policy of extraditing drug-trafficking suspects wanted in the United States. Washington views the extradition policy as critical to its anti-drug effort.

The policy, a central part of Colombia's anti-drug campaign, has had

Sunday's vote culminated a bloody campaign that saw three presidential candidates assassinated, acts blamed on the Medellin



Gaviria raises his arms in a sign of victory May 27 as his daughter Maria Pas hangs on to his arm. (Reuter wirephoto)

Gaviria defeats rivals

Pledge of toughness

BOGOTA, May 28, (Reuter): Cesar Gaviria, who yesterday won Colombia's presidential election, pledges an uncompromising stance against violence whether the perpetrators be drug barons, leftist guerrillas or rightwingers.

Confident and articulate, Gaviria, 43, belongs to the ruling Liberal Party. But he is seen as something of a change from the statesmen who have ruled Colombia for decades.

Gaviria, an economist who served as finance and later interior minister in President Virgilio Barco's government, won a sweeping victory over rivals who were seen as more conciliatory towards Colombia's drug barons.

He entered the presidential race after Luis Carlos Galan, original favourite for the Liberal Party's presidential nomination, was shot dead at a political rally in August last year by a gunman believed in the pay of drug traffickers. Barco responded by launching Colombia's

toughest crackdown on the powerful drug barons. The drug traffickers then declared war on the state, killing bundreds in a bloody campaign of bombings and assassinations. Gaviria has pledged to use the armed forces,

justice system, social policies and institutional reform against violence of all kinds, including drug barons.
"It is necessary to impose the command of our

laws on drug terrorists, (rightwing) paramilitaries, assassins and common criminals," he recently said. His strategy would also be aimed at leftwing guerrillas. Three presidential candidates have been shot

dead in Colombia in nine months. Gaviria has received death threats, and his security measures include cutting public appearances to a minimum and not going anywhere without bodyguards.

On Monday, one of his close political allies, Schator Federico Estrada Velez, was assassin-ated in the city of Medellin, the base of the world's largest cocaine cartel.

Gaviria says there can be no concessions to terrorism, he will not negotiate with the drug barons and will accept their surrender only if the government sets the terms.

He says industrialised countries must take stronger action to cut drug consumption.

On the controversial issue of extraditing drug suspects to the United States to stand trial. Gaviria says extradition cannot be the government's only weapon against drug barons.

He said Colombia's justice system, which has proven incapable of effectively dealing with drug traffickers, must be overhauled with secure prisons and protection of judges and magis-trates, scores of whom have been murdered.

Gaviria, born in the city of Pereira, 160 km (100 miles) west of Bogota, presents himself as a man with a common touch.

Explosions rock central Athens

ATHENS, May 28, (Reuter): Three bomb blasts rocked central Athens early today, slightly injuring a woman passerby and wrecking several cars, police said.

It was the third bomb attack in Athens in as many weeks. The time-bombs were placed under cars near the Hilton Hotel and exploded simultaneously after midnight. No one has claimed responsibility for the attack.

The bombs destroyed three cars,

damaged several others and blew out windows in nearby shops and apartment buildings. Collor uses own high-profile lifestyle to set examples for Brazilians

US President George Bush, in a note to a

former ambassador published in news-

papers here, called the Brazilian leader

intrepid movie hero Indiana Jones.

Indiana Collor," in a reference to the

When Collor recently announced plans

Everyone, please, write him letters, ask

to go skydiving, even his mother thought it

him to stop," Mrs Leda Collor de Mello

said in an interview on national govern-

ment radio. "I'm as worried as you are."

faces fraud trial

Greece ex-minister

Illegal sale of maize to EEC

ATHENS, May 28, (AP): Former Deputy Finance Minister Nikos Athanssopoulos went on trial today charged with allegedly covering up the illegal sale of maize to the European Economic Community in 1986. Athanassopoulos, a member

of former Premier Andreas Papandreou's Panhellenie Socialist Movement (Pasok) cabinet is accused of instigating fraud that harmed the interests of Greece and the EEC, and of complicity in the forgery of certificates of origin.

Athanassopoulos is the first socialist minister to stand trial since Papandreou's government lost last June's general election amid allegations of widespread involvement in financial and political scandals.

He faces possible prison sen-

tences of 10 years to life if convicted of ordering a coverup of the illegal sale of Yugoslav maize to the EEC described as Greek. Athanassopoulos, 67, has den-

ied that his actions were illegal

saying the cover-up was the result of a decision taken with other cabinet members to protect the country's interests. Twelve civil servants including the former chairman of the state-

owned Itco Commodities Company Soulis Apostolopoulos, face similar charges in connection with the sale of 9,000 tonnes of Yugoslav maize in 1986. The maize was documented as

Greek to avoid trade levies imposed on non-EEC agricultural products and to draw subsidies, the list of charges said. Last September, the European

court fined Greece \$3.8 million for the scam.

Racial conflict worsens

WASHINGTON, May 28. (Reuter): The United States appears to be headed for worsening racial conflict as white Americans and rapidly-expanding ethnic minorities struggle for their share of the national econ-

According to government officials and academics, race crimes are on the rise, racial bigotry is widespread on university campuses, and equality—guaranteed by law—still eludes millions of black, brown and yellow Americans.

The country's race problems have been thrown into sharp focus in recent months hy a string. of incidents, including a blackwhite racial murder in New York's Bensonhurst district, a black boycott of Korean grocers in New York, and racial vandalism at California high schools.

Attorney General Richard Thornburgh said last week that the Federal Burean of Investigation was investigating a record: number of racial crimes across

Heightened racial tensions, experts say, are caused chiefly by the rapid growh of a black and Hispanic underclass whose living conditions have deteriorated since the 1960s, when racial:

segregation — America's apar-theid — came to a formal end.

"I think things are going to get much worse before they get betsaid Karen Dugger, a ter," said Karen Dugger, a sociology professor at Penn-sylvania's Bucknell University who monitors race issues. ... Shrinking

Given the economic pictures there will be a lot more racial conflict and in the 1990s, it is going to be more violent because the (economic) pie is shrinking."

Milton Greenberg of Wash-ington's American University, who has observed race relations for three decades has a similar for three decades, has a similar bleak view of the future: "Conflict among minorities will be heightened by competition for ...

wbatever space there is for them." Greenberg, a professor of government and provost at the university, said higher growth rates among the non-white population would exacerbate the

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problem. Ethnic minorities account for around 22 per cent of the US population, with about 29-million blacks the largest group. There are about 17.5 million Hispanics and seven million Asians.

according to the census bureau. Animosity between blacks and Hispanics, admitted by members of both communities, has frequently exploded into violence in Miami, a city with a Hispanic majority. Blacks and Hispanics often resent Asians for their success in running small businesses in poor neighbourhoods.

But those most often accused of racist attitudes are white Americans.

"The majority of Americans who are white seem to be exhibiting racism in a way that we haven't had in a long time, on college campuses, through graf-fiti, through all kinds of actions," Benjamin Hooks, head of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People, told a television panel recentiy.

insecure

Almost all recent race troubles mvolved white in their teens or early 20s. Sociologists say many in this generation feel economically insecure and believe their prospects are threatened by minorities.

The npsurge in racial intolerance coincided with a number of spectacular achievements for black and Hispanie Americans: Earlier this year, the predominantly white city of New York elected a black

mayor, David Dinkins.
In Virginia, Douglas Wilder became the first black to be elected state governor in the history of the United States. Last year the appointment of Lauro Cavazos as secretary of education clevated a Hispanic American to cabinet rank for the first time.

General Colin Powell became the first black to rise to the country's top military post, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.

was too much.

Militant Sikhs **kill 16** in Punjab

CHANDIGARH, May 28, (UPI): Sikh extremists killed 16 people today, including 13 migrant road workers roused from their sleep and forced to chant separatist slogans before being gunned down, police and the Press Trust of India news agency said.

The incidents came amid a new cycle of violence in northern Punjah state, where at least 32 people have been killed in the past three days in separatist attacks and clashes between extremists and security forces.

Authorities said the worst incident of the day occurred at 2 am near Zira village, about 125 miles (200 km) northwest of Chandigarh, when gunmen dres-sed as police officers and carrying AK-47 rifles routed the migrant workers, who were sleeping near the highway.

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Police said the gunmen forced the workers, all Hindus from the state of Bihar in eastern India, to stand in two separate lines and chant "long live Khalistan," a reference to the independent state some Sikhs hope to create in

The gunmen then opened fire on the two groups, killing 13 men, police said. The incident, in the Ferozpur district along the frontier with Pakistan, was witnessed by lour other labourers who escaped, police said.

Authorities said two Sikh extremist groups, the Khalistan Liberation Force and the Khalistan Commando Force, jointly elaimed responsibility for the

Extremists also gunned down three other people in separate incidents around the state, the PTI news agency reported.

The news agency also quoted police as saying that a bomb exploded at a bus stand in Ludhiana, 70 miles (110 km) north-west of Chandigarh. No injuries were reported, the Press Trust

Government officials in Punjab elaimed that today's killings were part of a Pakistani conspiracy to inflame tension among India's religious groups and destabilise the border area between the two countries. They offered no evidence to support the claim.

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The secretary-general of the society, Doctor Mohamed Al Shariff said his organisation will urge all Muslim governments to increase financial aid and assistance to Sri Lanka.

Meanwhile, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Yasser Arafat has expressed his sincere appreciation of the bold attitude adopted hy Sri Lanka in closing down the

Brandt fears Indo-Pak war

'The threat is real,' says ex-German chancellor

NEW DELHI, May 28, (Reuter): Former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt, who has offered to help India and Pakistan settle their Kashmir dispute, said today he feared the two countries might go to war.

"The threat of war is real," Brandt said after delivering a lecture in New Delhi on the development of solar energy.

Brandt made his offer in Islamabad yesterday. A Muslim secessionist uprising in Indian-ruled Kashmir has severely strained relations between the two countries since mid-

Brandt declined immediate comment on a

London newspaper report that India and Pakistan were preparing nuclear weapons in

The Sunday Times reported that the US and Soviet governments leared a nuclear war between India and Pakistan over Kashmir after intelligence reports that the two countries were readying atomic arsenals.

Brandt told an Islamabad news conference before leaving for Delhi yesterday that he was reluctant to talk of formal mediation in the Kashmir dispute but offered his help as chair-

man of the Socialist International.
"I will listen to those responsible in Delhi as

I have listened to the leading political figures in this country. What may come out of it nobody knows," he said.

India has said it will not accept third-party mediation over its handling of the Kashmir uprising in which at least 550 people have died

Brandt was followed into Islamabad by US Congressman Stephen Solarz, a New York Democrat, who is also trying to defuse the Kashmir row.

The Socialist International's council called at a meeting in Cairo last week for the two sides to pull their troops back to peacetime positions and open a dialogue.



Nose job for jet

Workers try to free a Thai International Airways Airbus 300 from being ditched in mud at the Manita International Airport,

The jet on a flight from Bangkok swerved off the runway aftar branking its nose gear upon landing. None of the 273 passengers and 13 crew was hurt and flight operations ramained suspended. (Reuter wirephoto)

Cory clears Ramos

MANILA, May 28, (UPI): President Corazon Aquino shrugged off a 'pure intrigue' today claims by mutineers that recent violent incidents were part of a US-backed plot to stage a coup attempt to be led hy her defence secretary.

Aguino told a newsconference Islamic countries she has full confidence in esparatist rebels. Defence Secretary Fidel Ramos. "We're always of the secretary fidel Ramos." Certainly his actuations for the past four years, where he has very clearly defended and protected the constitution and our people, will give me no reason to doubt his motives," Aquino said.

News reports today said the clandestine Young Officers Union (YOU) had charged Ramos and US Defence Secretary Dick Chency with plotting to stage a coup attempt.
Well, I will dismiss that as

pure intrigue," Aquino said. Ramos, appearing at a senate committee meeting on defence matters, also said the reports were 'pure propaganda, com-pletely unfounded' and 'designed to create instability among

our people. The YOU joined the Dec 1-9 coup attempt in which 119 people were killed and more than 500 were wounded. The sixth uprising was crushed after US jets provided air cover to loyalist for-

News reports quoting a YOU spokesman who used the assumed name of Capt Carlos Maglalang said Ramos discussed the conp attempt against Aquino during his visit to Washington last year. Philippine Muslims

Peace talks offer

MANILA, May 28, (Reuter): The Philippines told ambassadors from Islamic countries today it was ready for peace talks with Muslim

"We're always open. No preconditions, But the initiative must come from them," presidential representative, Jose de Jeans told reporters after meeting 13 Manila-based Islamic envoys ahead of a session next

month in Cairo of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC). Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus said he was confident the Cairo conference would reject the bid by the Moro National Liberation Front to become an IOC member.

The envoys expressed concern about delays in setting up an autonomous government for predominantly Muslim areas in the southern Philippines. The region voted on the antonomy issue last November but only four out of 13 provinces voted in favour of limited self-rule.

Troops captured nine suspected communist rebel leaders in a raid in the sonthern Philippines, the military said today.

A military report said the nine, alleged members of the outlawed

National Democratic Front's Mindanao commission, were arrested during a raid Saturday on a house in Davao city.

The reports said the plan was 'polished' in Manila during the visit by Cheney to Manila in February. Aquino refused to see Chency during his visit, saving she did not like insinuations in news reports that US visitors had told her to 'pnt her house in

US emhassy spokesperson Victoria Middleton said she did not think the report was worth

commenting on.'
Military officials meanwhile fielded a crack force of 3,000 constables in the capital to step up security measures following a

ple were killed last week. The incidents were either hlamed on mutinous soldiers or

communist guerrillas.

Constabulary spokesman Lt
Col Cris Maraht said the constables will set up checkpoints, conduct round-the-clock patrois on

foot and by car.

The military said today 48 officers and soldiers and 17 civilians have been killed in incidents in the capital over the past five months involving the communist New People's Army

The 19,000-strong NPA has been battling the Manila governrash of ambushes and grenade attacks in which at least 10 peoment for 21 years.

Kashmir struggle will go on: JKLF

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan, May 28, (Reuter): The leader of Kash-mir's main militant group vowed yesterday the fight against Indian rule would go on and said that calm unrest in the state.

"We will continue our war antil Kashmir's freedom," Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) chairman Amannllah Khan said in a speech in Rawal-

He said the appointment of a new governor in India's Jammu and Kashmir state last week replaced "one beast ... hy

"That makes no difference for us. It will make no difference even if they bring (Mahatma) Gandhi and (Pandit Jawaharlal) Nehru to Kashmir," he said, referring to nir," he said, referring to India's revered independence

JKLF is spearheading a violent secessionist campaign by Muslims in Kashmir valley where at least 550 people have been killed in clashes between protesters and troops this year.

Former Indian intelligence chief Girish Saxena took over as governor on Saturday saying there would be no change in policy to combat the militants.

Saxena replaced Jagmohan, architect of the tough policy

Hundreds of JKLF activists chauted "freedom, freedom" as Amanullah arrived at Islamabad airport from a support-seeking trip to the United States and Europe where India had sought his extradition.

Amanullah also denounced Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto for a statement last week in which she rejected the JKLF's idea of an independent Kashmir saying that Kashmiris wanted union with Pakistan.

"So far as we are concerned. whether Benazir Blusto wants (it) or not ... whether (former Indian prime minister) Rajiv Gandhi wants (it) or not, Kasimir will be indexendent." he mid cut," he said.

"Plebiscite is no substitute for independence," Amendials said.

He said Pakistan's founder following Ali Jimah had said in 1947 before the Indian partition that the subcontinent's princely states would be free to accede to India or Pakistan or become

"Benazir has insulted the Quaid-i-Azam (Jinnah)," he said.



Farmers warned against striking

SUVA, Fiji, May 28, (AP): Fiji's army commander issued a strong warning today that ethnic Indian sugar farmers should abandon any plans to disrupt the country's vital sugar-cane harvest next

Major-General Sitiveni Rabuka told troops at Suva's Queen Elizabeth barracks that he and several senior officers planned to draw up a plan for the post-coup interim government on actions the army could take, radio Fiji reported.

Last week, Rahuka said the military forces would be prepared to cut cane if the government ordered them to do so.

Rabuka led two 1987 racially inspired coups that ousted Fiji's Indian-dominated elected government. Rabuka, then an army colonel, claimed he was protecting the rights of indigenous Fijians.

The strike threat has arisen from farmer's anger over a recent government decision that the claim will cut their income.

Sugar is Fiji's top industry capable earning more than \$150 million a year in exports.



Children stopped

An armed Pakistani soldier stops a jeep earrying children from entering a eurlew area of Karachi. (Reuter

NEWS IN BRIEF

Boat people problem: The head of the UN agency in charge of refugees suggested oo Monday that the answer to the boat people problem was for the West to pour aid into Vietnam.

Thorvald Stoltenberg, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), said economic and social problems had prompted many Vietnamese to flee their bomeland in an exodus he termed a humanitarian nightmare. itarian nightmare.

"It appears to me that the time has come for us to recognise that until these root causes are clearly addressed, the exodus is likely to cootinue in spite of UNHCR's best efforts," he told the agency's 43nation committee, which includes major donors such as the United States, Japan and the EEC. (Reuter)

International law meeting: President decision on Monday and said Kenya will host an International Bar Association conference in Septem-

"The meeting will go ahead as planned because it is important and will be held in Africa for the first time," state radio quoted Moi as telling tBA President Amos Wako.

Attorney-general Matthew Muli said last Thursday the meeting would not take place in Nairobi because of a rift among members of the law society of Kenya. (Reuter)

Shift in priorities: Britain is cutting back on its diplomatic representation in the Third World as a result of a shift in priorities towards Eastern Europe,

a leading London paper said Monday.

The Independent newspaper said the UK Foreign
Office is facing a financial and staffing crisis as a
result of the growing need for its diplomats in Eastern
Europe, following the recent political changes there. The British government fears that without a swift

response to developments in Europe. Britain will fail

to exert influence or capitalise on opportunities, the But it predicted that there would be protests that by educing its presence in Latin America and Africa,

Britain will lose influence in other key regions.

Last round of defence talks: Greece and the United States on Monday opened their last round of talks that is expected to end in agreement for an eight-year defence pact.

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Government spokesman Vyron Polydoras said:
"The final round (of talks) began this morning and is
expected to last until the end of the week,"
Polydoras told journalists that the duration of the

accord would be eight years instead of five, as the previous one which expired to December 1988. (AP) Job hunting: The job bunding season for graduating Japanese students has already begun despite an agreement that major companies bar recruit-

ing activities until Aug 20. That date was set, as it is every year, by the Japan Federation of Employers' Association and Japanese

According to this year's agreement, students can start visiting companies on Aug 20 and companies

can start sending notices of employment on Oct 1. Lafontaine faces party revolt: West Ger-

man Social Democrat leader Oskar Lafontaine, still recovering from a knife attack last month, faces a party revolt for opposing Chancellor Helmut Kohl's plans for rapid German unity.

An increasing number of members looked set to desert Lafontaine after he said at the weekend the

party should oppose the economic union treaty in the Social Democrat leaders met in Bonn on Monday

to discuss the crisis.

Murray to get Jazzpar prize: American tenorsaxophonist David Murray will be awarded the second international Jazzpar prize, the awarding

committee said on Monday.
"Murray will receive the prize which is given to an internationally known and fully active jazz artist who is specially deserving of further acclaim, "said Arnvid Meyer of the Danish Jazz Centre and chairman of the award committee. (AP)

Rats and bugs keep Bangladesh hungry "But the irony is that the country suffers po-

DHAKA, May 28, (Reuter): Rats and hugs are keeping Bangladesh from being able to feed its people, agriculture experts says.

President Hossain Mohammad Ershad has said

Bangladesh's annual foodgrains production will go up to 20 million tonnes by 1992, enough to feed the impoverished nation's entire population of 110 million and meet emergencies. Bangladesh produced 18 million tonnes of grains in 1989 and hopes to raise its harvest to 19.5 million

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Dhaka yesterday that the target would only if the huge wastage could be checked Experts say rats devour one million grains while insects destroy at least had tonnes more in the fields every year.

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Gabon protesters take to streets

'Bongo must go, there is too much corruption'

PORT-GENTIL, Gabon, May 28, (Reuter): Hundreds of protesters, some armed with hunting rifles, marched through Gabon's rebellious oil capital yesterday accusing President Omar Bongo of murder and demanding his resignation. For the fifth consecutive day.

residents gathered shortly before dusk in defiance of the govern-The worst outbreak of violence since the West African

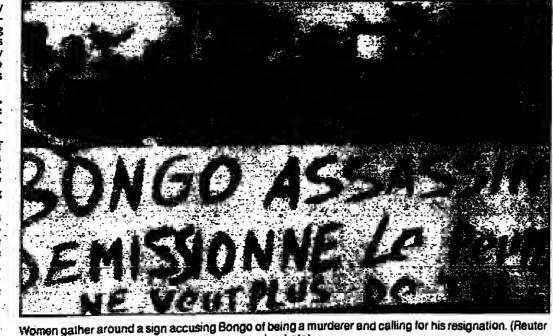
state won independence from

France in 1960 was triggered by

the suspicious death of a leading opposition politician. Protests have been loudest in the oil-exporting centre of Port-Gentil, a city of 80,000 people 130 km (80 km) southwest of the capital, Libreville. "Bongo must go, there is too much corruption," an unemployed mechanic of 23 said as protesters filed past,

holding placards saying "Bongo out" and "Bongo murderer." Some wore coloured headbands in a sign of mourning for Joseph Rendjambe, secretarygeneral of the opposition Gabonese Progress Party (PGP), whose body was found in the

Libreville hotel room last week. "Bongo and his accomplices must pay," said a slogan painted



wirephoto)

in red letters on the French con-Dutch giant Shell have stopped production and repatriated staff. PGP supporters say Bongo, 54, who has wielded absolute

power for the past 22 years, is responsible for his death. Oil companies, including consulate. Dozens of burned-ont France's Elf and the Angio-

Reporters saw fire damage at

Bongo's palace here, as well as at the governor's residence, a brand new hotel and parts of the French

foreign oil companies to pull

cars littered the dusty streets.

■ Opec member Gabon said loday its vital oil industry was in a very worrying situation after anti-government riots led

staff out of the country.

De Klerk slams rightwing **Whites**

JOHANNESBURG, May 28. (AP): In a harsh attack on pro-apartheid whites, President F.D. de Klerk said today that the country's leading rightwing movement had become "irresponsible, undemocratic and dangerous

De Klerk's denunciation of the Conservative Party follows a 50,000-strong raily Saturday by rightwing whites who vowed to resist the president's plans to dismantle apartheid.

The rally in the capital of Pretoria was the largest pro-apartheid demonstration since De Klerk came to power last August and began launching a series of reforms.

"The Conservative Party's threats of revolt and resistance are irresponsible, undemocratic and dangerous to our contry," De Klerk said in the Nationalist. the official mouthpiece of his ruling National Party.

De Klerk said that if the con-

servatives did not refrain from "radicalism", it could lead whites into a "violent hroedertwis," or fight between hrothers. The president's comments were among the harshest he has

levelled against the Con-

servatives and rightwing whites. The Conservatives won 31 per cent of the vote in white elections last year and are the official opposition in the dominant white chamber of Parliament. The party favours rigid apartheid and says hlacks should have political rights only in trihal

homelands. De Klerk said the aims of the Conservatives were "unworkahle and divisive.

De Klerk says he wants to end discrimination and negotiate a new constitution that will allow the 5 million whites to share power with the 28 million hlacks. Nelson Mandela, leader of the

African National Congress, the country's largest hlack opposition group, on Saturday accused De Klerk of not moving fast enough to end apartheid.

Mandela, speaking at a rally near Pretoria, also said his organisation felt De Klerk "is not strong enough to end the

violence going on."

Mandela was referring to both
the black faction fighting in
Natal and the actions of the police, who have fired on black demonstrators several times in recent weeks, resulting in more than 20 deaths.

Police said yesterday morning that nine blacks were killed in the preceding 24 hours io a series of faction fights in Natal. Some 4,000 blacks have died in the

region since 1986. South Africa released Soviet spy Ruth Gerhardt, whose senior navai officer husband betraved Western secrets to Moscow for 19 years, and put her on a plane bound for Switzerland yester-

day, the prisons service said. Swiss-born Ruth Gerhardt, 47, was sentenced to 10 years io prison for high treason in December 1983. De Klerk announced her release while on an official visit to Switzerland on

Tuesday during his nine-nation tour of Europe. Her husband Dieter Gerhardt, who was a commodor in the South African navy and commandant of its strategic Simonstown Naval Base near Cape Town before his arrest, is still serving a

life sentence for high treason. South African ex-army officers returned from talks in Zamhia with the African National Congress (ANC) yesterday and backed a call for a ceasefire helween the movement's guerrillas and

Liberian fighting

HARBEL, Liberia, May 28, (AP): Rebels advanced toward Monrovia yesterday, fighting artillery and mortar battles with troops at a checkpoint on the edge of the world's higgest rubber plantation near the capital.

Hundreds of civilians fled fighting on Saturday and Sunday around the town of Kakata and took refuge in Harbel, a com-pany town on the plantation of Bridgestone-Firestone Inc. Located 35 miles (56 kilometres) northeast of Monrovia, it is a US subsidiary of the Japanese company Bridgestone.

On Saturday, western diplomatic sources said rebel troops had advanced to within 30 miles (50 kilometres) of Monrovia, the closest they had reached sioce launchiog their invasion five months ago. They were driven back, however, before advancing again yester-

Residents said they heard shells and mortars as well as machine-gun fire when rebels attacked an army checkpoint at the northern end of the rubber plantation, southeast of Kakata.



Father Connally poses with young members of his congregation who live in the killing fields of South Africa's

Killing fields of Natal

Families turn on families

Red Army marks Lod attack

Kyodo news service.

SWEETWATERS, South Africa, May 28, (Reuter): Father Sean Connally's parish is a piece

The Roman Catholic priest of western Ireland farming stock administers to a flock of Zulus in the 'killing fields" of Natal, where civil war has killed more people in three years than the conflicts of Northern Ireland or Beirut.

The chiselled, bony features of the silver-haired priest, usually creased in laughter, wince as he stands on a sunny hillside and observes that the slaughter is often by children, some only eight

"How can you teach Christianity to a child in all of this?" he asks. "He has probably already killed, or helped to kill."

The strife in South Africa's Natal province is commonly attributed to a power struggle between the giants of black politics, Nelson Mandela's African National Congress (ANC) and the traditional Inkatha movement of chief Maogosuthu Buthelezi.

At least 3,000 people, probably many more as bodies are often secretly burned or buried, have died since 1987 as Zulu turns on Zulu, family oo family, and children oo their parents.

But experts in this area of sun-scorched valleys and eroded hills say politics is only the spark that exploded tension built over many years by extreme poverty in one of the most bereft parts of South Africa — where people have killed for the use of a water tap.

"There's no roads, no sewerage, no water, no electricity, no transport, no law and order," said the priest, who cares for 800 Christian families in a scarred 15 km (10 mile) crescent here alongside the

"You'd think this was the last place God made." The violence swirls through the black homeland

TOKYO, May 28. (AP): The Japan Red Army has marked the 18th anniversary of its terrorist attack

on Israel's Lod Airport with a statement vowing to

to supporters in Tokyo from ahroad, possibly from

A 5,500-word statement, dated May 30, was sent

fight for revolution with the spirit of that attack.

of Kwazulu, created by white government for the Zulu nation under grand apartheid's plan of separate racial development, and into the teeming squatter camps and townships abutting Durban, white South Africa's glittering Indian Ocean

playground.
The Inkatha Institute, a think tank funded by the movement, says the 2.7 million blacks of Natal's townships and some eight million in Kwazulu are the bottom of the heap in South

Forty per cent have no proper houses, 48 per cent oo joh. 80 per cent of children are illegitimate and 73 per cent of employable youths have no work or prospect of any.

One 25,000-population township,

Willowfountain, has no water, electricity or clinic. In the 1980s, the area was hit hy record hurricanes, floods and droughts which turned. large tracts of land into desert and sent thousands of people trekking into the urban areas where they collided with established black townships over scarce jobs and resources. Into this socio-ecocomic disaster are then

intruded political rivalry as the conservative, probusiness Inkatha structure of tribal chiefs was challenged by the revolutionary, pro-labour ANCallied United Democratic Front. Inkatha, most analysts say, was soon fighting

for its life against a younger rival that accused it of cosying up to the white government under the homeland set-up.

The lost younger generation of Zululand went to war under blurred Inkatha or UDF labels with a form of nihilistic violence that tore families and communities apart, locals say.

Graham Howe, editor of Natal University's respected Indicator South Africa Project, says 90 per cent of recorded violence is hy youths between

the Middle East. A copy was obtained today by

an age of "people's revolution," and said success in

revolution in Japan could help in economically

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hurled grenades in the crowded

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In another of the attacks that gained the Red Army notoriety

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On Eastern Europe, the Red Army statement said capitalism

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Bank and Gaza Strip was a

serious challenge not only to the Palestinian revolution hut also to

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28 people and injuring 79.

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Junta concedes opposition gains

Pro-democracy party wins in Burmese poll 1988, told reporters that unofficial results showed the National League for Democracy had a two-thirds majority in 100 of Burma's 485

legislature, he said.

major opposition figures.

RANGOON, May 28, (AP): Burma's martial law government conceded today that the leading pro-democracy party had scored a major election victory and promised to relinquish power as soon as a new

Only one violent incident was reported as voters went to the polls yesterday in the country's first multi-party elections in 30 years to elect a 492-seat national legislature which is to draft a constitution.

Col Ye Htut, a spokesman for the ruling military junta which killed several thousand people as it suppressed a pro-democracy uprising in

The League victory came des-pite the house arrest of Aung San Suu Kyi, who helped from the party during the 1988 uprising, and the imprisonment of coparty leader Tin Oo. A League official alleged yesterday that nearly 400 other party followers

were imprisone Myint U, a League official, said the party wanted to release

all political prisoners. But it was not clear how much power the election-winners would be able to exercise over the

Of the 93 political groups and 2,297 candidates running in the election, Ye Htut said the League had prevailed, apparently in both the cities and in the coun-

tryside.
The pro-military National United Party received about onethird of the vote while other parties contesting yesterday's elec-tion captured only a minor frac-

Final official results will take up to three weeks to compile.

'Any government that is formed according to the constitution will be strong and stable," said another military spokesman, Kyan Sann. "It is totally up to the elected members (of the new legislature). They can move as quickly as they like and take

Official election announcements have been slow, with only 15 races declared — 13 won by the main opposition and two hy small parties allied with it. The military government has said final official results could take as long as three weeks to announce.

'I think the military expected to lose, hut I don't think they expected to lose hy so much," said a Western diplomat in Ran-

Victory celebrations were reported in several large cities.

"It is an excellent day for Burma. We are making a new history I hope," said Bahan, a executive committee member of the League contacted in Rangooo. "We had expected a win hut not so much of a landslide as

by the people we can go on to change to a democratic system very easily and peacefully," he

Western diplomats in Rangoon said the reaction of some people to the results was tempered with caution.

"There is euphoria in the party hut il is not so evident in the streets. There is a certain huoyancy perhaps, hut people aren't exactly drinking them-selves hlind drunk in the streets or anything like that yet," said one diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Lanka seeks Islamic help

COLOMBO, May 28, (Kuna): A resolution urging all Islamic and Arah nations to support the Sri Lankan government and people for taking the courageous decision to severe ties with Israel was adopted at the concluding sessions this weekend by the third international Islamic Seminar for South-East Asia held in Colombo.

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Hand over remains

North Korea raturned the remains on Mondey of five Americans killed dur-ing the Korean war in what US officials called an importent gesture towards better reletions between the two countries.

Six white-gloved civillan North Korean pallbearers handed five pine caskets to e US, British end South Korean military honour guard on the other side of the concrete kerb mark-ing the truce line between North and South Korea.

and one that could open the door," said US Congressman Sonny Mont-gomery, chairman of the House of Representatives veterans affairs

Montgomery, a Democret from Mississippl, led an eight-member congressional delegation that travelled to Korea to accept the remains at the border village of Panmunjom, where delegates to the Korean war armistice commission

It was the first time since 1954 that North Korea had refurned remains of war dead from the 1950-53 conflict, in which the United States, Britain and 14

other nations fought undar the United Nations flag to repel a North Korean invasion of the South The North Koreans significantly chose to return the remains on America's Memorial Day, a holiday in honour of the nation's war dead. (Reuter wirephoto)

Americans remember soldiers killed in war

WASHINGTON, May 28, (UPI): Americans observed the Memorial Day holiday with a combination of solemnity and celebration, attending beach parties and barbecues while taking time to honour the nation's war dead at cemeteries and monuments across the country.
Millions paid homage to US

soldiers killed in action, attending simple hometown services or ceremonies from the stark wall of the Vietnam veterans memorial in Washington, D.C., to the presidio of San Francisco.

At Arlington national cemetery in Virginia, a wreathlaying ceremony was held at the tomh of the unknowns, followed by a memorial day service at the memorial amphitheater.

White House representatives laid wreaths at the memorial to unknown soldiers from the civil war, as well as the Spanish-American war memorial and the confederate memorial.

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Protest rally

on mobikes

WASHINGTON, May 28,(AP): Thousands of motorcyclists staged a "rolling thunder" rally past the White House and the Soviet and Laotian embassies

yesterday to protest the handling of America's missing in action

before the public and the media

an issue the White House is trying

to lay to rest" said Ted Sampley,

National Park police estimated

that 15,000 people took part in the rally and an associated "rock

for freedom" concert and demonstration held near the Lincoln and Victnam memorials.

The effort is to keep alive

from the Vietnam war.

one of the organisers.

At the poignant memorial to those who died in Vietnam, tens of thousands filed silently past the hlack stone wall inscribed with the names of the fallen, placing flowers, leaving notes and shedding tears for those known and unknown to them.

"Missing you doesn't get easier," said one note signed "Di," and left Sunday to honour army enlisted man Thomas M. Fitzpatrick, who was killed in 1969 at age 21.

Beijing students recall June 4

The army will abide by the new constitution" to be drawn up by the

Some critics said before the elections began that they were not free

and fair because of widespread arrests, intimidation and the arrests of

BEIJING, May 28, (AP): Beijing college students, who led the prodemocracy movement last sprmg, say June 4, will be a difficult

For some, the empty bunk in . their tiny, concrete dorm room will remind them again of a roommate who was killed that day, arrested soon afterward, or has fled the country or gone underground.

The day will be even harder to get through because they cannot show outward signs of mourning or hold memorial services for those the government calls

"counter-revolutionaries." In general, few people speak readily of "the turmoil" or the "6-4 incident," code words for the democracy movement and the military crackdown a year

Most have simply put it behind them, saying they have to con-tinue with their lives. But even if people don't real-

ise the anniversary is approaching, they'll know it just by the signs around them, like all the extra police," a young intellec-

Students say the day will not pass unmarked.

"We'll have some memorial activity individually, whatever each person is able to do, a sophomore at Beijing University

"The present situation and environment doesn't allow us to take any kind of action, hut as long as everyooe remembers in their hearts," that's enough, said a senior at Beijing oormal whose roommate was arrested last

Hundreds, possibly thousands, of DIC WETE KILLEG IN THE streets of Beijing in the early hours of June 4, shot down hy soldiers called in to crush the prodemocracy movement.

Police swept through the city sooo afterward, arresting thousands. About 780 have been released, but many remain in jail

without charge or trial. Other people have gone into hiding. Five student leaders on China's most-wanted list are known to have escaped to Wes-

tern countries. School authorities have organised dances, movie show-

ings and other activities this spring to keep students husy.

3 arrested in Sabah state

KOTA KINABALU, Malaysia. May 28, (Reuter): Three people have been arrested and detained under the internal security act in Sabah, Malaysia's only Christian-controlled state, which dissolved its state assembly last week, police said yesterday.

The three were arrested on Friday, a day before Chief Minister Joseph Pairin Kitingan dis-solved the 54-seat assembly in readiness for a snap election, Sabah police chief Haji Syed Othman Syed Ali was quoted hy state-run radio as saying. He declined to name them.

Local newspapers identified one of the arrested men as Benedict Topin, a leader in the youth wing of Pairin's ruling Bersatu Sabah Party.

Last-ditch bid to save traffickers from gallows

Hong Kong citizens appeal to Malaysian king for clemency

KUALA LUMPUR, May 28, (UPI): Relatives of eight Hong Kong citizens sentenced to be hanged for drug offences appealed to the king today in a lastditch attempt to save their loved ooes from the

Man who stopped tanks

The man who captured the spirit of the 1989 pro-democracy movement in China

by stopping a column of tanks has vanished
An Associated Press photograph and television pictures showed the man, in a

while shirt, standing defiantly before the tanks near Tiananmen Square on June 5. The pictures appeared around the world and became a symbol of the pro-

Picture shows 19-year-old Wang Weilin takes a stance on the Avenue of

Elernal Peace to halt a convoy of military tanks on June 5. (Reuter wirephoto)

With Malaysia's fargest mass hanging set for dawn Wednesday, officials held out little hope. noting the government has turned down all appeals for elemency since introducing the death sentence

for drug related offences 15 years ago. Io their petition sent to the monarch, Azlan Shah, the desperate relatives noted that "the death penalty

is irreversible." "None of them (the eight) made any confession. It cannot be said for certain that they are guilty," the Although it is within the constitutional power of the king to grant a pardon and reduce the sentences

to life imprisonment, there is no precedent for his The eight Hoog Kong oationals were arrested on the island of Penang in October 1982 after customs officials found 28 pounds (12.7 kg) of heroin con-

cealed in the bottom of five suitcases. The eight all denied knowledge of the presence of the drug, but five were found guilty of trafficking and the other three of abetting them. They were all sentenced to be hanged under the country's harsh

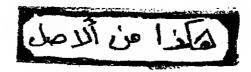
Found guilty of trafficking were Au King Kor, 32, and Chan Yiu Tim, 33, both transport workers, driver Yuen Kwok Kwan, 28, waiter Li Chi Ping and

waitress Hau Tsui Ling, 32, the only woman in the Coovicted of abetting were company supervisor Ip Tak Ming, 36, insurance company director Ng

Yiu Kwok, 37, and car dealer Chow Sing, 42. Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has appealed for a pardon for the eight, and Amnesty International also made a plea for clemency. Karpai Singh, the attorney representing the convicted, appealed to Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad.



Caplain Tong Yat Lan (left) of the Salvation Army comforts Yuen Wai-fong (cantre) sister of Yuen Kwok-Kwan and Chan Chuen-Hei (right) mother of Li Chi-ping. (Reuler wire-



Gorbachev facing same problems that caused czars to fall

Slogans of the day are 'land to the peasants' and 'all power to the soviets'

MOSCOW, May 28, (AP): For some students of history, the sense of deja vu is chilling: weakening central power faces nearly total discontent among ethnic groups, disgruntled workers, and nutually suspicious intellectuals arrayed in a myriad

of political parties.

The slogans of the day are: "Land to the peasants" and "all power to the Soviets." A cumbersome and ideology-laden bureaucracy finds it easier to stick to its old

ways than to reform.
With perhaps vital differences Soviet
President Mikhail Gorbachev in 1990 faces many of the same bewildering problems that caused the Czarist empire to come crashing down around Nicholas II in spring 1917, and the provisional government of Alexander Kerensky to fall to the Bolsheviks that

Now, however, the heir to Lenin's legacy is himself struggling with those difficulties as if they merely were frozen in time by decades of Soviet power.

The warning is sounded on the pages of the official press, over test at the kitchen table, and in the Soviet Congress, where 84-year-old scholar Dmitri Likhaghev warned in March against subjecting the country to a nation-wide presidential election.

"I remember the revolution of February (1917) very well, and I know where emotions can lead," he told Parliament. "Understand our conditions. Direct election of the president will lead to civil war." A bloody civil war followed the Bolsheviks' seizure of

Writer Andranik Migranyan said in the weekly Literaturnaya Gazeta: "Really, you can come to despair from the thought that in this country, everything repeats itself."

But if the country can make the break to even a slightly less nuthoritarian system of government, "that already will be the light at the end of the tunnel," he said. Gorbachev's most stubborn problems are

ethnic disputes and economic dislocation, familiar problems for pre-revolutionary.

The fringe areas of the Russian empire that escaped during the turmoil of the revolution only to be paliently gathered by Stalin again are asserting their independent dence. Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, the three Baltic republics that won a rare spell of freedom out of the ruins of the Russian

empire, are leading the way.

The economy is in disarray, Industrial production fell 1.2 per cent in the first three months of 1990. Strikes last-summer by thousands of coal miners finally broke the long prohibition against job actions that was enforced by strict communist rule, and led to the legalisation of some strikes.

Regardless of legality, 130,000 people were on strike on any given day in the first quarter of the year. Store shelves are empty and people are angry.

Gorbachev has seemed powerless to halt the ethnic unrest. He bought time against last year's coal mine strike with broad promises of better living conditions that are nowhere near being fulfilled.

Strike committees still are active in many cities and in a recent meeting representanives of about 50 of them declared a lack of confidence in the government's ability to reform the economy. They stopped short of forming or endorsing a political party, but agreed on a confederation to keep the pressure on Moscow.

Just as the Bolsheviks agitated for the overthrow of the Czarist government and then Kerensky's provisional government,

dozens of new pobtical parties now are pressing to push the communists out of power.
The Soviet leader's opponents hark back

to 1917 to argue that 72 years of communist rule has brought the country little but ruin. In 1917, "all power to the Soviets" was the slogan under which Lenin's legions took power. In 1990, protesters march with the same banner, demanding that the Communist Party bureaucracy turn power over 10 an

elected Parliament, or Soviet.
"The goal of a new party must not be to work within the system but to break up the system," Nikolai Travkin, a former communist, told suporters of his drive to form an

anti-communist party. Repeating the sorry experience of the past, the new parties often cannot agree on their own programme much less a common front. Russian Social Democrats meeting in Moscow in early May spent much of their time debating whether local chapters would have to obey central authority.

Such disputes paralysed the Russian political system before the Bolshevik Revolution and gave Lenin's highly disci-plined minority the opening it needed to But there are important differences bet-veen 1917 and 1990.

Many historians argue that Czarist Russia, despite its archaic political system, could have been transformed peacefully if not for

The Russian economy was expanding rapidly, farm output was growing, and expenditures for education were increasing.

The war exposed fatal weaknesses in political and economic administration, which led not only to military losses but severe food shortages in the cities, they

Gorbachev has resolutely avoided military conflicts. He has pulled Soviet soldiers out of Afghanistan, concluded arms control agreements with the West and started pulling soldiers out of Eastern Europe in order to spend more of the country's resources on the domestic economy.

tn contrast to Nicholas tl and Kerensky, Gorbachev is a consumate inside politician, master of the system in which he has worked for more than 30 years.

He has patiently isolated and eliminated his Communist Party foes and stands alone now atop both the government and party

Nevertheless, critics charge that he is dangerously late in making key reforms, and that he does not fully understand the coun-

try he governs.
Vyacheslav Shostakovsky, rector of Moscow's Higher Party School and a leading party reformer, said Gorbachev is isolated by the party's inability to give him a real

understanding of what people are feeling.

"His rare trips don't give him the emotional colouring." Shostakovsky saidin an interview. "That's why he was shocked by the May 1 events" when tens of thousands of protesters marched past him in a May Day parade.

If Gorhachev had understood the mood of the people, he would have been able to anticipate the angry reaction, Shostakovsky

In February, less than two months after rejecting the idea, he led the party into accepting a multi-party system. At the same time the party adopted the principle of private property, and a new law going into effect on July I will allow Soviet entrepren-

General blames Nicu for killings

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(Reuter): A Romanian general blamed the son of executed dictator Nicolae Ceausesen today for 89 killings in the central city of Sihiu during last December's revolution.

"He told me we are in a state of war, not in a state of alarm, Let's finish it off," General Aurel Dragomir told a military tribunal trying Ceausescu's son Nicu on a charge of genocide.

"What did you understand by that?" presiding judge Major Doru Ursu asked Dragomir; 'He meant the use of force,'

said the general, who was Army commander in Sibiu where Nicu was head of the local Communist Party. Nicu, 38, denied on the first

day of his trial on Saturday that be had ordered troops to open fire without warning on unarmed demonstrators during last December's bloody uprising.

He told the five-man military tribunal the order was issued in the belief Romania was under

foreign attack and that he never intended arms to be used against civilians. ■ Demonstrators remained sobt yesterday on whether to end their

36-day occupation of Bucharest's main square because the government has rejected their key demand to ban former bighranking communists from bold-ing public office.

As beavy rain drenebed University Square and its tent camp late yesterday, a louds-peaker continued to hiare anticommunist slogans and urge passers-by not to support Presidentelect Ion Iliescu, a former Communist Party polithuro member. Romanian officials expressed hope yesterday that the Romanian-Soviet border would be opened permanently this summer after 50 years, linking a region that was once united.

But a temporary opening of the border scheduled for yesterday was postponed until June 24. disappointing dozens of Romanians who had come to border crossings in hopes of seeing friends and relatives from the Soviet Union.

Soviet sources at the border. speaking on condition of anonymity, said the border opening was rejected by the Supreme Soviet.

Sofia plans to increase poll security

SOFIA, Bulgaria, May 28, (AP): The government said Sunday it will increase police security to prevent further violence before Bulgaria's first multi-party elections on June 10.

The Interior Ministry announced the increased police deployment yesterday after the ruling party newspaper, Duma, reported several attacks and threats against candidates running in the elections.

The newspaper of the Bulgarian Socialist Party - the former Communist Party - said in a rare report on actions by its own party members that socialist supporters nearly clashed with opposition demonstrators in a village on Saturday.

The newspaper also said a local Socialist Party leader has complained of threats by opposinon supporters.



A dead body lies on the ground behind a bullet-riddled British registered car in the southern Dutch town of Roermond late May 27. (Rauter wirephoto)

Aussies murdered

Victims of mistaken identity

last night seem to have been mistaken for off-duty British soldiers because they were in a British-registered car, Dutch police said today,
The two unnamed men, aged 25 to 30 and iden-

tified by the Australian embassy in the Hague as lawyers, died instantly when masked men shot them down in the southern town of Roermond, popular with British troops based nearby in West Germany.

Two women companions escaped unburt. Resembling off-duty soldiers because of looks, age and dress, their Britisb-registered rental car apparently made the two men unwitting terrorist

The British abandoned military number plates after a series of attacks on servicemen in continental Europe in recent years by the Irish Republican Army (IRA), which seeks to end British rule in northern Ireland.

These included a murder in Roemond itself two years ago, attributed by police to the IRA.

STRAUSBERG, East Germany, May 28. (Reuter): West

Germany today rejected a Soviet proposal that a united Germany

could be a political Nato member

outside the military command,

but said the idea showed Mos-

cow was moving in the right

"I do not see this as the solu-

tion we are seeking on this mat-

ter," said West German Defence

Minister Gerhard Stolterberg

after the first visit to East Ger-

many's Disarmament and

Defence Ministry by a Bonn min-

Soviet president is now begin-

ning to concern himself in public

with the prerequisites for (Ger-

man) Nato membership," he told

hail Gorbachev raised the pos-

Last Friday, President Mik-

a news conference.

"It is remarkable that the

direction.

Bonn rejects

Soviet ideas

Nato membership

AMSTERDAM, May 28, (Reuter): Two young Australian tourists gunned down in the Netherlands

"There's a 99 per cent chance that a car with British licence plates in Roermond belongs to the military," police spokesman Harry Clabbers said. "If the IRA assumed all British cars here belong to soldiers then they have made a disastrous mistake,"

> Police said two female companions, wife and girlfriend respectively of the victims, escaped unburt in the attack. 'It appears they had just come over from England

> that day and weren't quite sure where they were heading that night. They had not booked any accommodation here," the police spokesman said. A spokesman for the Australian embassy in the Hague said the two victims were lawyers but

declined to name them. The embassy said the two couples, based in London, apparently had taken the opportunity of loday's public boliday in Britain to take a long weekend on the continent.

The two victims and one of the women were from Sydney while the second woman, wife of one of the victims, originated from Brisbane, he said.

Worst case

KARLSRUHE, West Ger-many, May 28, (UPI): West Germany's federal

expionage. The prosecutor, Kurt Reb-

ment. "We, the Federal government, believe this formula should not be the end result," he said. Western powers want Ger-

sibility that Germany could

belong to Nato's political organ-

isation if it stayed outside its

military command, in the same

way as France.
Unnamed West German

officials said on Saturday they

could not warm to Gorbachev's

idea, hut Stoltenherg's com-

ments were the first official res-

ponse from the Bonn govern-

many to be a Nato member. Moscow has proposed neutrality and other options short of full membership.Stoltenberg held over two bours of talks with Disarmament and Defence Minister Rainer Eppelmann, their second formal meeting since an initial encounter in Cologne on April

of treason

mann said military experts believed that if Conrad's alleged spying activities had not been uncovered, West Germany may have faced the choice of either using strategic nuclear weapons" or having to give up the defence of the Federal Republic of Ger-

West Germany, August 1988 and formally indicted one year later, for allegedly selling top secret nuclear and other military plans to the then communist Hungarian and Czecboslovakian govern-ments between 1975 and

prosecutor said today that the worst case of high treason his office ever dealt with was committed by retired US sergeant Clyde Lee Conrad who is on trial for alleged

Conrad was arrested in

Terrorist bomb caused Italian jet crash

ROME, May 28. (Reuter): New evidence about the crash of an Italian airliner 10 years ago has changed the minds of two investigators who say a terrorist bomb, not a missile, brought down the plane, indicial sources said loday.

Investigators had suggested in March that a jet. probably Libyan, shot down the Itavia DC-9 airliner near Sicily in 1980, killing all 81 people

Various theories about the crash have been proposed, including one that the airliner was shot down in error by an Italian or other Nato fighter pursuing another plane carrying either Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Khaddafi or an escaping Libyan rebel air force officer.

The sources said that Massimo Blasi, bead of a five-member panel of experts, changed his mind after air force radar operators told his commission that traces previously believed to have been of a fighter plane near the DC-9 could have been of the

The panel, which last year said an air-to-air missile hit the DC-9, is now split on the causes of the

Gorbachev firmly in control, says Bush 'Big agenda' set for superpower summit

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine, May 28, (Renter): US President George Bush said today he regarded Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev as politically strong despite enormous economic and social problems in the Soviet Union.

Bush also said there was "a big agenda" for his May 30-June 3 summit with the Soviet president and that be was looking forward to the

Speaking with reporters before a round of golf at the Cape Arundel Golf Club near his seaside vacation bome in Kennebunkport, Busb

My own personal opinion is that he's pretty darn strong there and I said that after talking to an awful lot of Soviet experts," said the President before hitting his ball on the first tee.

His comments contrasted with remarks on Sunday by Secretary of State James Baker and National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft.

Baker told a US television interviewer that the panic buying and independence movements including Litbuania were threatening Gorbachev's control from below even through the Soviet leader had strengthened his position from the top since meeting Bush in Malta in

The secretary of state said it was important to reach agreements with Moscow as soon as possible to make it harder for any future government to reverse Gorbachev's reforms if he were overthrown.

December.

Scowcroft told another television interviewer it was impossible to predict if Gorbachev

would retain power.
While Bush prepared for the summit with a relaxing weekend of golf and boating, Gorbachev made a televised appeal to the Soviet people on Sunday night, asking them to remain calm ahead of planned price rises as Moscow seeks to shift to a more

market-oriented economy.

Refreshed by a long holiday weekend on the scenic New England coast, Presiden! Bush is ready for hard-nosed discussion with Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev on the status of a united Germany and the Baltic independence drive.

Those issues have emerged as major bones of contention at the US-Soviet summit opening in Washington later this week. "I want to convince Gorba-

chev, with whom I can talk freely - he's the kind of man you can talk very frankly with - that ... a Germany in Nato not only is no threat to the Soviet Union, but preserves the kind of stable Europe that the Soviets should welcome," Bush said in an interview aired on Soviet telev-

ision vesterday.
While hailing Gorbachev is a statesman, Bush said "he may be mad with me over some things because we do have some differences. Bush said he would not try to

exploit any weakness suffered by Gorbachev because of economic problems and ethnic unrest in the Soviet Union. "I think that when you sil

down with a respected world leader, it's not a question of wbo is stronger, who is weaker, who has got bigger problems, who has got less problems," the president

He promised to treat the Soviet people and their leader "with the respect that they deserve.

The Soviet Union's popularity has soared in the United States since the last superpower summit, and Americans increasingly support US military cuts to reflect the lessened tensions, a survey found.

Plans for summit in high gear

WASHINGTON, May 28, (UPI): Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev own satellite station, six Soviet ZB limousines and 18 Russian airplanes when he arrives this week for the perpower summit. Instead of Bizir House, President

George Bush's guest house, Gorba-chev has chosen to stay in the Soviet embassy, where he can have his own secure lines of communication. Despite rising expectations for the summit, US Chief of Protocol Joseph Reed insists Gorbachev will be treated

as just another "state visitor" with the usual trappings accorded on such occasions, on orders from President

Reed said Bush wants to institutionalise Gorbachev visits to make them the norm in a relationship, instead of

This is the first state visit of the president of the Soviet Union," Reed said. "It will have the specific architec-ture of a state visit. It's the correct way

To some observers, however, the Bush decision to treat Gorbachev's trip as a state visit reflects a desire to But no matter how it is viewed in the

White House and State Department, a Gorbachev visit is still seen as extraor-

dinary and the gathering of the superp-ower leaders will be touted as a sum-Gorbachev will arrive from a two-day Cauadian state visit 6.30 pm (2230 GMT) Wednesday and will be wel-comed at Andrews Air Force Bane, just outside Washington, by Secretary of State James Baker, his wife, Sutan, and other officials

There will be a red carpet greeting by Bash on the White House south Iswn at 10 am (1400 GMT) Thursday, after which the two presidents will after which the two presidents will adjourn to the oval office for their first

talks since they last met in Malta in December 1989. The agenda will reflect the historic changes in the past year in Eastern Europe.

Discussions will focus on arms con Discussions will focus on arms con-trol, including success and conven-tional forces disarmament, German reunification and its proposed mem-bership in Nato — which Gorbachev opposes — the Baltic states, regional conflicts, Soviet Jewish emigration and an improved trade relationship between Washington and Moscow.



discussed his expectations for this week's summit.

The meeting takes place against a backdrop of domestic turmoil for

Gorbachev including panic buying of food in anticipation of the end of

government price controls and a new wave of ethnic violence in

But Bush, who has tied his foreign policy closely to Gorbachev's

reform programme, minimised the risk to his summit partner's lenure

An 'Uncle Sam' hot air battoon flies together with a Russian 'matrioskha' over Leningrad May 27 as visual symbol of the forthcoming Washington summit

Yeltsin tries again

Proposes coalition

MOSCOW, May 28, (Reuter); Populist politician Boris Yeltsin renewed his hid today to become president of Russia and win a power base to challenge the Soviet leadership, by proposing a coalition with his conservative opponents.

Speaking at a stormy session of the Parliament of the Russian Federation, the sargest of the Soviet Union's 15 republies, Yeltsin offered an olive hranch to the hardline communists who have twice blocked his path to the

presidency. Moscow shops, meanwhile, began enforcing restrictions on food sales after three days of panic buying sparked by the announcement of plans for huge price increases as part of the Kremlin's economic recovery

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, speaking on television yesierday, made a lacklustre defence of the plan to introduce a 'regulated market economy"

ebed fresbattacks on it today.

In the southern republic of Armenia, a recurring hotbed of ethnic tension also posing a challenge to Gorbachev, 22 people, including two soldiers, were reported killed in clashes between Soviet troops and nationalist militants.

within five years, and deputies in

the national Parliament laun-

More than 100,000 people were expected to attend a rally in the capital, Yerevan, commemorating Armenia's brief

independence from 1918 to 1920.

US-Soviet negotiators try to conclude pact

WASHINGTON, May 28, (AP): American and Soviet negotiators beld two rounds of talks yesterday at the State Department to try to expand an agreement to cul long-range nuclear missiles.

There was no word from officials on either side

whether any of the half-dozen issues on the bargaining table were resolved. A two-sentence notice to the press said the delegations, chaired by Under Secretary of State Reginald

Bartholomew and Deputy Prime Minister Viktor Karpov, had in a morning session and resumed work in the afternoon. The goal was to expand the declaration of an

agreement that President George Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev are due to announce at their summit meeting, which opens here Thurs-

The declaration, in turn, is to lead to a formal treaty by the end of the year. The details are complex however, and after eight years of negotiations further delay is possible.

Among the issues taken up by Bartholomew, Karpov and their assistants are procedures for verifying compliance with the accord once it is raufied, whether restrictions are to be imposed on Soviet backfire bomber and whether to bar the Soviets from modernising their SS-18 Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles.

Under the treaty the Soviets will cut their arsenal of the heavy ground-based missiles from 308 to 154, but Secretary of State James Baker tentatively agreed in talks May 16-19 in Moscow to permit some new flight tests.

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ugoslav leader warns of civil war

BELGRADE, May 28, (Reuter): Yugoslavia's communist President Bor-isav Jovic today called for a new constitution, saying it would help stabilise the crisis-ridden country and prevent civil

Jovic painted a picture of nationwide chaos and said the Balkan federation could explode into violence and tear itself apart, in a state-of-the union speech to Parliament two weeks after taking office.

He said the presidency would organise talks enabling the six republics to settle differences, and outlined 13 measures to help prevent nationalism and conflict between Yugoslavia's many ethnic groups

from increasing.

But he dismissed fears that he would impose a state of emergency or annul the results of free elections which have ended 45 years of communist rule in the wealthy and relatively Westernised republics of Slovenia and Croatia.

The Yugoslav constitution does not specifically provide for the polls held by the two republics, and Jovic has made clear he believes they are pushing the country towards disintegration.

"Violations of the constitution and law have reached such proportions that they threaten certain vital functions of the state and bring into question the realisation of the social reforms we have begun," Jovic told Parliament.

"The coming to power of extreme rightwing and revanchist forces would create great difficulties. This could lead to civil war and open the possibility of foreign military intervention.

Jovic said Parliament should adopt plans by Prime Minister Ante Markovic's government to amend the Yugoslav con-sutution and then draw up the first entirely new constitution since 1974.

"The Yugoslav presidency believes the political activity involved in creating a new constitution should be intensified and speeded up," he said.

Jovic, a Serh, became first among equals in the eight-man collective state presidency on May 15 by annual rotation.



Casts her vote

An invalid woman easts her vote from a whaalchair in local alections in Warsaw, May 27. (Reuter wirephotol

Walesa helps avert strike

WARSAW, May 28, (Reuter): Lech Walesa saved the Solidarity-led government from a national rail strike crisis today hut many voters signalled apathy towards Poland's new democracy by staying away from landmark local elections.

Walesa persuaded strike leaders late last night to suspend the protest — in support of a 20 per cent pay claim - which had cut rail access to all Poland's ports and thrown down the most serious challenge yet to the government.

His intervention came just in stop the st mainly in northern Poland, from spreading acrosss the country with a 90-minute national warning strike today and an all-out freight stoppage from Tuesday

The Solidarity chairman averted the threat of a head-on confrontation between workers and the government that threatened to jeopardise the country's pain-ful economic recovery programme.

Walesa, who had earlier warned the strike could lead to anarchy and civil war, said it reflected the economie hardship faced by working people.

"On our road to democracy, there are various dangerous bends. The railwaymen's protest was one of them," the Solidarity chairman told reporters.

"Everyone must draw lessons and conclusions from this. Too many groups in Polish society have it tough because hardship is not shared out equally. The government and all trade unions should look carefully at the problems of working people."

The strike lasted just over a week and overshadowed yesterday local elections, Poland's first fully-free nationwide vote for more than half a century and the first since Solidarity replaced the communists in power last year.

Only 42 per cent bothered to cast their ballots in the landmark elections to local councils that will take over the administration of towns, villages and cities from

Some commentators said the low turnout reflected disillusionment with the hardship hrought on by the government's reforms.

Real wages have been slashed by a third since the austerity package was launched on Janpackage was faunched on January I, industrial output has plunged by 30 per cent and 400,000 people have been thrown out of work.

Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki, beginning a two-day visit to France today, told the daily Onest-France newspaper that Poland argently needed relief on its \$38 billion foreign debt to keep it reforms on track.

Aoun frees 30 rival prisoners

Tension eases in East Beirut

BEIRUT, May 28, (Agencies): Christian military leader Gen. Michel Aoun yesterday freed 30 rival Lebanese Forces militiamen takeo prisoner during four months of a fierce power struggle between the two warring factions, officials said.

The officials said the prisoners, who were held at cells on the eastern outskirts of East Beirut, were accompanied to militia-patrolled areas hy a Red Cross convoy.

Their release was the result of intensive goodwill efforts by Pope John Paul II, who appealed to the rivals

last week to stop fighting for control of the Christian enclave.

The Pope's appeal came one day after Papal Nuncio Pablo Puente announced a five-point agreement. approved by the two sides, to end the fighting in Beirut's Christian enclave. He said the agreement was only a partial solution, however.

At least 700 members of Samir Geagea's militia remaio io Aoun's prisons, political sources said. They said Geagea's militia has captured about 1,000 troops of Aoun's army. Aoun and Geagea have been

locked in a fierce struggle for control of the 310-square-mile (800 sq) Christian enelave in Lebanon since Jan 31. The fighting has left more than 1,000 people dead and 3,740 others woun-Some 200,000 Christians have

fled the fighting in the enclave, with many seeking refuge and a stable future for their children in Canada and Europe.

Officials said a number of schools, encouraged by a truce mediated earlier this month by Iraq, planned to resume classes throughout the battered Christian region today.

More than 100 schools have

been destroyed or damaged and more than 100,000 students have been affected by the violence.

Militia officials started organ-ising makeshift schools for children just last week out of fears the violence would drag on. Puente said the weekend agreement calls for a permanent truce, reopening schools, the

release of all prisoners and the suspension of the rival's war of The papal initiative came as Syria and Iraq appeared competing to boost their influence in the

inter-Christian struggle. Israeli soldiers shot dead a. commando in their self-declared security zone in south Lebanon today, security sources said.

The sources had no further details on the clash in the Salhani

Saleh pledge Neutral Yemen

KUWAIT, May 28, (Kuna): President of the newly united Republic of Yemen Ali Abdalla Saleh has underlined that the foreign policy of the infant state would adhere to the principles oo non-alignment, indicating that all agreements signed by each country before the merger would be honoured.

In two separate interviews with Kuwaiti dailies Saleh said the declaration on the Yemeni unification has stipulated commitment to all agreements signed unilaterally hy each party. He added that if any of those agreements were prompted by certain pre-unity reasons, then it would be an internal affair of the new state which it would handle along with other issues resulting from division.

Asked on whether the Soviet perestroika or the winds of change that swept Eastern Europe recently had accelerated the declaration of unity. President Saleh said the Yemeni unity was not an offshoot of this or that, saying it was a result of 20 years of dialogue.



A Christian mother carries her son and walks past devastated cars in a street in battered east Berrul May 28. Rival Christian forces halted fighting after four months of heavy battles.

Antall wants to boost Arab ties

Massacre denounced

BUDAPEST, May 28, (Kuna): Hungarian Prime Mimster, Jozsef Antall. has expressed his country's desire to boost its relations with all Arah countries and denounced Israel's massacre of eight Palestiniao workers in the occupied territories last week.

In an ioterview with Kuna, Antall underlined the role played hy Kuwait to develop Hungarian-Arab relations par-ticularly in the economic field, indicating that Kuwait was among the first Arah countries to establish diplomatic relations

with his country. He expressed hope that Kuwait lovestments would iocrease in all sectors io Hungary, indicating that his government will cootioue its contacts with Kuwait to expand trade and economic co-operation relation.

On the resettlement of Soviet Jews in the occupied territories, Antali, who came to office 10 days ago, said that he discussed this issue recently with the Arah ambassadors accredited to Hun-

He noted that Hungary wishes to pursue "a balanced policy" between Israel and the Arabs. noting that his country hopes to maintain cootacts and relations with both sides.

"I know that this policy does oot satisfy the Arabs but they (the Arabs) should understand Hungary's problems," said Antall in the interview. He expressed his full under-

standing for the Arah positioo from the conflict in the Middle East, stressing that Hungary pursues a balanced policy and that its relations with Israel would not be at the expense of its relations with the Arab coun-

The Hungarian premier denounced last week's massacre of Palestinian workers in the occupied territories and expressed his country's readiness to support to dispatching international force to protect Pales-tionan civilians "if the United Nations has decided to take such an initiative."

PFLP to launch party in Jordan

AMMAN, May 28, (Reuter): A radical Palestinian group, once a sworn enemy of Jordan's Hashemite monarchy, is to found a political party in the kingdom, an official of the group

He said leaders of the Damascus-based Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) agreed the move after lengthy talks with their supporters in Jor-

The official, who requested anonymity, told Reuters the party would be officially pro-claimed at a meeting of the PFLP Central Committee in Damascus next month.

Two decades ago the PFLP was urging the overthrow of King Hussein. Its hijacking of four airliners helped spark "Black September", a hloody war between Palestinian fighters and Jordanian troops in 1970.

Prime Minister Mudar Badran has met PFLP politburo members Tayseer Qubaa and Azmi Khawaja in the first meeting between the government and the faction since then. The Syrian-based Democratic

tine, like the PFLP a part of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, set up the Jordan People's Democratic Party in July. The PFLP official said there

Front for the Liberation of Pales-

was no final agreement yet on his "It will be a pan-Arabist party,"

will seek guidance from Marxism and Leninism and will be open for anyone to join, be he a Jor-danian or a Palestinian," he said. The new party would be independent from Damascus,

work within the constitution and seek to promote unity among Jordanians, many of whom are of Palestinian origin. King Hussein has promised his

illion people a national charter leading to some sort of multi-party system. A royal commission is now working on details.

Amman has not yet lifted the han imposed since 1957 on political parties. But it allowed people known to be members of political groups to contest the November elections.

Jordan's 1988 disengagement from the Israeli-held West Bank and its recognition of a Palestinian state met the demands of many radical PLO groups, including the PFLP.

■ A Syria-based Palestinian group has urged the Arab sum-mit to give more money for an anti-Israeli uprising and seek a UN observer force for the occupied West Bank and Gaza

In a letter to Arab leaders, the DFLP said they should review their ties to the United States as long as it failed to recognise the PLO as sole representative of

Turkey jail break

ISTANBUL, May 28, (Reuter): Five left-wing militants escaped 10day from a jail in a residential area on the outskirts of Istanbul, prison officials

The semi-official Anatolian news agency said two of the escapees were under sentence of death for the killing of former Prime Minister Nihat Erim.

They had also been found guilty of attempted murder and a series of robberies and bombings, it said. The escape was discovered after the father of one of the militants arrived to visit his son and he was found to be missing.

Prison officials said a widespread search was launched and a watch was being kept on airports, hus stations and ferry terminals.



Reed greets his mother, Leota Reed Aprague, 91, upon his arrival at Logan airport, May 27. (Reuter wirephoto)

Reed feels elated

Hostages on his mind

BOSTON, May 28, (UPI): Although clearly elated during an emotional reunion with his 91-year-old mother in his native state, former hostage Frank Reed continued his passionate advocacy for the captives he left behind in Lebanon.

Reed saw his mother yesterday for the first time since he left Boston in 1982, but used the Memorial Day weekend celebration to again remember "mates" who he says are not faring well in captivity.

"This weekend, we are memorialising the dead that fought for our country. Let us hope that one day we don't have to have a day to memorialise the hostages that are dead, or will die," Reed said. "Let's not forget that there are still six Americans still in captivity, and the news is not good as far as.
I'm concerned. The hostages are not well."
Reed said he felt an "obligation, a duty" to them, and said he was "worrying about my mates that I left behind." His attorney, Bob Woolf, abruptly ended

the news conference when reporters pressed the former hostage for more information on the other captives' plight.

More than 50 people turned out at Logan Inter-national Airport on a sunny day to welcome back the 57-year-old educator, who was held hostage for 44 months before being freed April 30. Many applauded as he emerged from the plane. I want to say I love you, Boston, and I love all of.

you for coming out to see me," said Reed, after several minutes.

"How can yon ever forget a mother? Mothers are always great." he said. "She looks lovely, my mother. My mother's a tough gal."

"I say rejoice, give thanks. He's back," said Leota Sprague, who was in a wheelchair to greet her son. "I brought the kids, it's so exciting, said John Ferguson, who said he worked briefly as a salesman with Reed 15 years ago.

Reed said he expected to spend time "enjoing Boston, enjoying my family" during his three-day

feel as good as can be. I'm just so thankful for the day, for the sunshine.

Reed was kidnapped in west Berrut on Sept 9,

1986. He bad moved to Lebanon in 1977 and worked

at the University of Beirut before founding the

Lebanese International School. He converted to Islam to marry his Syrian-born wife, Fahimeh.

"It's just like a long-lost friend coming home. I

visit, before returning Wednesday to a hospital outside Washington.

Dressed in a dark suit, Reed said he had weighed just 133 traineds (60 kg) down from 185 (85 kg), when he was released from captivity, and said he had been "severely mahourished" during the ordeal.

"What we've been doing, basically, as far as my health goes, is trying to do some medical sleuthing; trying to find out some things, why I am so severely

"In spite of it all, they say my heart is fine. My lungs are fine. My liver's fine. I'm still feisty, still try to be as tough as I can about a few things. "I'm not going to spend four years in captivity

and come out and have something happen here, I

(8 kg) since being freed and shot a 41 over nine holes

of golf in Maryland. A motorcade with four limousines took Reed and his family, including his wife, to his daughter's home in suhurban Malden for a lobster dinner and family

MINERSTANCES

Doctors flushing out drugs: Doctors at a suburban bospital were beloing nature produce the evidence on Monday from 13 Nigerians arrested for allegedly swallowing containers of heroio in a smuggling

Two pregnant women were among the five women and eight men intercepted on Sunday night at Cairo International Airport after a flight from Bangkok, Thailand. Police said they swallowed the illegal narcours

A western narcotics expert estimated the haul at 10 kilogrammes (22 pounds) representing a street value in the United States of close to \$2 million. Newspaper reports placed the size of the cache at twice that. (AP)

Militants attack: Militants equipped with petrol bombs ambu-shed a police van in Upper Egypt and jojured four police officers, a Cairo

oewpaper said.

The militants threw two bombs at a van carrying 10 officers in Qena governorate on Saturday, but only one exploded, an early edition of Monday's newspaper Al Akhbar reported. (Reuter)

Drug smuggling: An Egyptian criminal court on Suoday sentenced two Jordanians to life in prison at hard labour for drug smuggling and acquitted eight others of similar charges.

Among the eight acquitted are Jacob Mezrahi, and Israeli, Lebaneseborn naturalised American Kayed Berro and bis father, Mohammed

Hussein Berro, a Lebanese. The three, on the loose, were sentenced in absentia to death last June in a case involving 19 alleged drug smugglers, but their appeal has been accepted by the court of cassation and the case is to be retried next month.

End Jewish racism: Amos Oz, one of Israel's most respected novelists, has called for Palestinian statehood and ao end to "Jewish

He also called for Palestinian restraint after the "monstrous, mad massacre" of Palestinians two week ago.

Oz, delivering a speech to an Israeli "Peace Now" gathering in

Jerusalem nn Saturday night, said.

"The tragic status quo between ourselves and the Palestinians ... was shattered by the PLO's implied recognition of Israel. Everybody knows this; even those (Israelis) who stuhbornly refuse to know it in their heart

From this shattered status quo we may not retreat back to the Arah effort to exterminate Israel - or to the Israeli repression of the Palestinians." (Kuna)

an uphill task of educating children

Underground schools in Beirut face ASHRAFIYEH, Lebanon, May 28. (UPI): Under a shell-pocked 11-storey huilding in the east Beirut neighbourhood of Ashrafiyeh, 30 children aged 4 to 13 struggle to read hy dim candlelight io a cavernous

"They have forgotten many things, such as counting or identifying drawn animals," said Hoda Azzam, 24, the teacher of a dozen of the children, who clustered around her in a scene reminiscent of

the middle ages. Christians have established a number of such makeshift schools in embattled Beirut, but many children, exposed daily to the atrocities of a hitter war, have lost the capacity to learn and turned violent, educators say.

Sioce the end of Jaouary, east Beirut has been a battleground in a power struggle between Christian strongman Michel Aoun and his Christian rival Samir Geagea. Over 1,000 people have died in the fighting and thousands more have lost their homes and livelihoods to the almost constant pounding of heavy artillery and screaming shells.

"It's a difficult task," said Azzam of her students. "They keep quarrelling among each other. They have largely lost their capability to concentrate and learn, apparently because of the deafening shellfire

The smell of food overwhelmed her makeshift class as several families who live in the basement cooked in a corner. The coarse voices of four men playing cards echoed through the chamber, drowning out the instructions of the young teacher.

Alfred Madi, a member of the Christian Phalange Party polithuro who is attempting to create a network of underground classrooms, said his group has managed to organise three schools serving about

700 children.
"We realise that it's not a perfect deed, but we want to collect our children from the streets where they imitate the adults and fight mock street battles with wood-made rifles and dummy pistols," said

"We definitely don't want them to follow our example, we wish them a peaceful future."

Officials said the ongoing warfare between Aoun and Geagea has destroyed or damaged more than 100 schools in the 310-square-mile Christian enclave being we are suspending that emcompasses east Beirut and nearby towns.

MP calls for action to defuse tension

LONDON, May 28, (Kuna): A British MP has called today for urgent action to defuse racial tension in the UK after renewed violence crupted in the northern city of Bradford over the Salman Rushdie affair. Opposition Labour Party MP

for Bradford west Max Maddon

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said he planned to introduce a bill in Parliament to make mcitement to religious hatred an offence throughout the country. This followed a demonstration in the city yesterday in which 16 youths were arrested and three injured during a demonstration

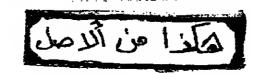
against Salman Rushdie's noval
"The Satanic Verses". Maddon called oo the Indianborn author to apologise for the offence caused to Muslims by his oovel and to cancel the paper-

back versioo. He said the UK government should repeal the current law of hlasphemy, which applies only to Christianity, putting in its place a new law making incitement to

religious hatred an offence. Meanwhile, Muslim leaders in Bradford have called a halt to public marches and demonstrations over Salman Rushdie because they believe public rallies are "too vulnerable to provocateurs and others looking

for trouble".

Sher Azam, president of the Bradford council of mosques told the UK media that people outside the Muslim community were doing their best to disrupt the protests, "so for the time being we are suspending all out-



Arab leaders misunderstood US stance

Baker favours UN

NEW YORK, May 28, (Reuter): US Secretary of State James Baker said yester-day he wanted the United Nations to despatch an investigative team to the Israeli occupied territories but denied that befavoured seeding Security Council observers to the violence-torn areas.

In a television interview, Baker said Arab leaders must have "misunderstood" the US position when they believed Washington supported Palestine Liberation Organisation demands for a Security Council observer team in the West Bank

and Gaza Strip.
Baker angered Israel last week when he

said Washington was willing to consider sending UN observers to the occupied territories, where 22 Palestinians have been killed and hundreds wounded in unrest since an Israeli gunman killed seven Arab workers near Tel Aviv on May 20.

"The position we took ... was that we would support an investigative mission sent by the secretary general of the United Nations, to go check on the situation in the territories and report back," Baker said.

That was our position yesterday and the day before yesterday. It will be our position when the United Nations Security week and we hope that the government of israel will support that position."

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat urged the UN Security Council meeting in Geneva on Friday and Saturday to send UN observers to the occupied areas. The United States voted against Security Council involvement.

Asked about claims from Arah leaders that he had agreed to send a mission from the Security Council to the occupied territories, where Palestinians have been waging an anti-Israeli uprising for the past 29 months, Baker said:

A radical Palestinian group claimed responsibility today for the

Abdel-Hadi Nashash, spokesman for Fatah Uprising, said in a

"The high-explosive timed-device was planted by one of our fighters

statement a group member based in the Israeli-occupied territories had

in one of the public huses in Jerusalem. The bomb exploded on time

when the bus was passing through a food market," Nashash said.

planted a time-bomh in a bus and set it go off in the market.

"They must have misunderstood because that was not the policy action and decision we took in the State Depart-

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, in a television interview yesterday, meanwhile ruled our allowing any UN observers tuto the territories, saying they would only raise tensions and harm prospects for

UN observers "will hring only tensions. We don't need foreign military men to police the country, the area. We need peaceful talks. That only," Shamir said.

bids peace

KABUL, May 28, (UPI): President Najibullah announced today he has sent proposals for ending the Afghan civil war, including a new offer of a nation-wide referenden, to the US and Soviet presidents for consideration at their forthcoming summit.

talks

"I once again propose that the covernment is ready to hold talks with any opposition group inside or outside the country," Najibullah said in his insugural speech to a grand tribal assembly, known as a Loya Jirgah, which is expected to approve changes in the constitution.

The president renewed his proposal for ending the 12-year-old war through a "cooling-off period" and a ceasefire prior to peace negotiations and UN-mon-

But this time he also offered to hold " a referendam or pichiscite on the need for a ceasefire. He said stoppage of the war under UN supervision in regions controlled by the government or those under the control of the opposition as well as in Afghan refugee campe."

"This referendum would talks among the concerned parties on the one hand, and would pave the way for UN humanitarian aid in various parts of the country and for future elections planned in the transition period, on the other," Najibullah said, according to an official translation of his speech in the Pashto language.

He said he has sent the revised proposals to President George Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev "so that they can take them into consideration" at Wednesday's superpower summit in Washington.

There was no immediate reaction to the offer from Afghan resistance leaders based in Pakistan. but the rebels have rejected all previous peace proposals by the Kahnl government and have refused to negotiate or share power with memhers of Najibullah's People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA).

The rebels, who are based mos-tly in Pakistan and backed by the United States and Saudi Arabia, have had little military success despite the February 1989 withdrawal of Soviet troops backing the

Najibullah, meanwhile, has defied Western predictions of his swift overthrow following the

Soviet pullont.

Washington and Moscow have reportedly narrowed their differences on Afghanistan recently, and the United States earlier this year dropped its insistence that Najibullah step down prior to the start of any peace negotiations.

However, Najibullah has rejec-ted US calls he transfer power to an interim government prior to any elections.

Najibullah opened a grand tribal assembly today with a call for an international conference to end a civil war that has torn Afghanistan for 12 years.

Afghan war and include all countries directly or indirectly involved with the conflict.

Call for resignation rejected



Peres holds his head May 27, while defending himself against a party report hlaming him in part for Labour's failures. (Reuter wirephoto)

Peres wants another chance

28. (Reuter): Israel's Labour Party has hlamed its leader Shimon Peres for losing the last election hut he says he wants

Peres, 66, has not won an election in 13 years as Labour Party leader. He was chastised for the 1988 result in a party inquiry made public yesterday.

"To speak openly and simply. the hasic assumption of the cam-paign was that Peres was the electoral asset and the party was the liahility," party rival Yitzhak Rabin said.

"This concept was proven incorrect and given expression in the election results," Rahin, a 68year-old former defence minister, told reporters.

Peres told his 1,300-member central committee that any other politician would have fared as poorly because religious parties bolding the balance of power had abandoned Labour long before

he took over the leadership.

After elections in 1988, Labour joined as junior partner in a unity government with hardline Likud Party Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, 74, who sacked Peres in March in a row over peace moves. Other Labour ministers then walked out of the government.

His voice cracking, Peres rejected the call of one speaker for his resignation hy saying: "You are not my judge. My judge is this

group."

Labour hrought down the 15month unity government over Likud's refusal to accept US proposals for the first-ever peace talks with Palestinians in Israelioccupied lands.

Peres failed to form an alternative dovish cabinet. Shamir is trying to form a narrow rightist coalition, but politicians will not rule out the possibility that the two men will ultimately join in another unity government.

On US television yesterday, Shamir played down reports of tensions with Washington, Israel's closest ally, over stalled peace efforts and a surge of

violence in the occupied lands. In Bachdad, Irao's campaign for support against i srael and the West fell short of its target yesterday when at least five heads of state failed to show up for an Arah summit meeting.

Latest: Israel's Parliament, responding to widespread public disgust at recent political horse-trading, took a small step towards reform today.

It approved on first reading four bills providing for the direct election of a prime minister and other electoral changes. The bills are likely to be delayed in com-mittee before returning to the house for mandatory second and

Baath scores victory

The ruling Baath Party won 134 seats in elections for Syria's 250member Parliament, Ioterior Minister Mohammed Harba

anoounced yesterday. Five leftist parties allied with the Baarb in the National Progressive Froot woo a total of 32. About two-thirds of the seats

were allocated for the Froot. Independents won 84 seats. Harba said 21 women were amoog those elected to

parliamentary seats. The Parliament is the fifth to he elected under the rule of President Hafez Al Assad, who is also the Baath Party leader, since Assad come to power in a military coup in 1970.

The number of seats in the Parliament was expanded in this election to 250 from the former

Harba earlier called this a bid to "ensure the largest representation of the people, especially that about one-third of the seats are for independents."

Turnout in the election was 60 percent of eligible voters resident in Syria, Harba said. A total of 9.765 candidates competed for the 250 seats. Informed sources outside

Syria, commenting on the election, say Assad's firm grip on the reins of power is unchanged. Prominent among the winners

were Prime Minister Mahmoud Al Zu'bei, chairwoman of the Syrian Women Union Bashira Al Makni and Jameel Al-Assad, the hrother of Syrian leader.

One dead, 9 injured in Jerusalem blast

Fatah uprising claims responsibility

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 28. (Agencies): A pipebomh exploded today in a Jerusalem market crowded with hopolar shoppers, killing an elderly man and wounding nine other Jews police said.

Police rounded up 87 Arab suspects after the explosion, which occurred at about 12:30 pm (0930 GMT) in the Mahane Yohuda market, which is the main lewis to market in Jerusalem.

Ten people were taken to hospitals for treatment and two were later released. Shimon Cohen, 72, died nearly six hours after the attack at Shimon Tedah Marrial reliances

Sha'arei Zedek Hospital, police said.

The hus was badly damaged and the person who planted the bomb evaded capture, he said. Israeli police described the

device as a pipebomb and said it was concealed in a drinks stand in the market. A crowd of about 200 angry? shoppers gathered near the scene, and dozens of Israelis tried to attack young Palestinians who

were detained by police, shout-ing "death to the Arabs" and "burn them, burn them." In one incident, a crowd of about 25 Israelis surrounded a police van and pounded on the vehicle in an effort to get at one

Arab who had been detained. . However, in other cases, israeli stall owners sheltered Arab workers from the wrath of the crowd.

Stones were also hurled at journalists and one photogra-pher was taken to a hospital after being punched and kicked by three watermelon vendors.

revenge," vowed police commissioner Yaakov Turner on Israel

At the police station near the market, a reporter saw three border policemen armed with rifles standing guard over eight young Palestinians. The Arabs were kneeling and facing a wall.

The bombing occurred about 12 noon (0900 GMT) as Israelis shopped for fruit and vegetables for the Jewish holiday of Shavuot, or the feast of weeks. which starts tomorrow evening. Shavuot is a harvest festival and marks the day when ancient Israclites received the Ten Com-

mandments.
Israeli politicians linked the bombing to the Arab summit which started in the Iraqi capital,

"I think that whoever planted that bomh in the market was signalling to those meeting in Bagh-dad," said Yossi Ben Aharon, a top aide to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

A visiting French minister said yesterday that Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories had reached a point of despair that could lead to worse violence in coming weeks.

Bernard Kouchner, secretary of state for humanitarian aid. gave the assessment in summing a four-day tour of the West Bank and Gaza Strip and a meeting with Shamir.
"I felt tension and desperation

that I have never previously experienced. I felt a very deep despair which can lead to even more serious confrontations in the coming days and weeks," he told a news conference. Kouchner, sent by President

Francois Mitterrand after a new wave of violence in the occupation zone, said Arab hospitals were overwhelmed by the number of wounded and complained that troops were preventing ambulances from evacuating

Some 200 people have started a hunger strike in the diplomatic mission of the PLO in Budapest to protest Israel's actions against Palestinians, the state news agency MTI reported.

A number of Jews last Saturday attacked two Italian youth in Rome after participating in demonstration in solidarity with

Palestine. The two Italians were beaten badly and one of them was taken

to hospital. A buman rights group mon-itoring the occupied territories has issued a report saying the army's decisions on lifting curfews were "arbitrary" and did not allow Palestinians to stockpile enough food.

Funds for **Bahrain receives** old city settlement F-16 jet fighters

An Israeli man wounded in the May 28 market pipe bombing is carried into an ambulance after the attack occurred. The man's shin is soaked in blood. (Reuter wiraphoto)

Sheikh Hamad inspects

MANAMA, May 28, (AP): The Deputy Amir, Sheikh Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa today inspected newly arrived F-16 jet lighters and said they would con-tribute to the Arah world's growth in military prowess, the

Right-wing and religious parliamentarians defeated the official news agency reported. "The Arah nation will regain its natural place among the nations of the world hy God's Labour Party and its leftist allies to win the vote 13 to 11, a finance will and by force of the efforts The establishment last month being exerted in the field of modern science and tech-

nology," Sheikh Hamad said. "It will not be easy, as (it was) in the past, for the enemies of this nation to flaunt their potentials at will." he said in the statement distributed by the Gulf News

Agency.
"Technological superiority will not remain a monopoly of some to exercise hegemony over those lagging behind," he said. Bahrain has 16 of the F-16 jet fighters on order, and the first batch believed to be four, recently were flown from the United

States by US-trained Bahraini

Official confirmation of their arrival appeared timed to coincide with the opening of the emergency Arah summit con-ference in the Iraq capital of Baghdad where focus is on perceived Israeli threats to the Arah

Sheikh Hamad, who is the commander in chief of Bahrain defence force, is the crown prince and acting ruler while the Amir. Sheikh Isa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, takes part in the sum-

Sheikh Hamad also affirmed that "the Bahrain Amiri Air Force is an indivisible part of the defence policy of the Gulf Cooperation Council."

Until 1985, Bahrain had no fixed-winged aircraft at all. The small central Gulf island state, a close friend of the Umied State, is the first among the GCC states to have the F-16s.

Addressiog a long-awaited Loya Jirgah, a traditional tribal assembly, Najibullah said the international conference should discuss external aspects of the

their hunger strike. Braving sweltering heat yesterday, about 100

aetivists temporarily joined the ranks of the 50 fasting Palestinians lying on mattresses beneath a canopy outside the Red Cross building.

Foreign visitors have included Western diplomats and a Soviet delegation visiting the occupied territories. There have also been some Jewish peace activists and hordes of journalists.

the UN Security Council to discuss violence in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, an indepen-

dent investigation of Israeli practices and international protection for the territories.

are in the second stage," said Palestinian activist Faisal Al Husseini, referring to a meeting of the Security Council at the weekend.

The council held a special two-day session in Geneva to allow Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafat to speak. It considered his request to send UN observers to the occupied

Profile 30 years promoting

Arab cause in US **Activist Mehdi**

NEW YORK, May 28, (AP): In his 30 years as an activist for Arab-Islamic causes in America, Mohammad T. Mehdi has been jailed after hurning an Israeli flag, had his back hroken in a beating and seen his office hurned. But those were darker days. Now, Mehdi believes that by the

end of the decade there will be changes in US attitudes toward Arabs and Muslims, as well as changes in US policy in the Middle "Thirty years ago, the word Arah was a nasty word in the American vocahulary," Mehdi said prior to a recent banquet held hy friends and associates to recognize his three decades as an

activist But last year, for the first time, a contingent of Muslims was

invited to a presidential inaugural worship service, he said. And recently, Mehdi was asked by New York mayor David Dinkins to attend a meeting of various community leaders - another

When Mehdi began his work, only a fraction of Americans agreed with the Arah side on such issues as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, he said. But that was before the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon and before the Palestinian uprising in the West Bank

and Gaza Strip, which brought nightly images of violence to US television screens, including Palestinian children shot by troops' A Washington Post-ABC news poll about a year ago iodicated

that seven out of 10 Americans believed Israel should negotiate directly with the Palestinian Liberation Organisation. It also showed that six out of 10 Americans had a favourable view of Israel, compared with four out of 10 four months earlier during a peak of news coverage on the uprising.

One factor bearing on Americans' views is that there are

thousands of new immigrants from the Third World, including many from Muslim countries. "America is no longer a Judeo-Christian society any more

than it is an Anglo-Saxon society," Mehdi said. With the number of Muslims growing, and with their ties to some I hillion Muslims around the world, Mehdi sees a mushrooming political force.

"American Muslims are the link," he said.

Mehdi believes that the turn in the Cold War, which had cast Israel in the role of vital anti-communist alley to the United States, will lead to the down-grading of US-Israeli ties.

"For years everyone swore by Chiang Kai-Sbek as the bulwark of democracy against communism in the Far East. Today, hardly anyone knows who he is," Mehdi said of the late Chinese Nationalist leader of Taiwan, then commonly known as For-"Israel is the Formosa of the Middle East," Mehdi said.

Mehdi, who was born in Iraq, came to the United States in 1948 for postgraduate study at the University of California at Berkeley, where he took a doctorate degree io American con-Friends from those days remember him as a radical with a long shock of black hair, always ready to debate. They recall his deep

coovictions, and optimism.

Today, the hair is thinning and graying, but Mehdi is still optimistic. He believes there will be a Palestinian state and peace in the Middle East within his lifetime.

His activism, he said, stemmed from his belief in America's open society." "There has been an obsession of mine — a love affair — with the first amendment" to the US constitution, which guarantees

freedom of speech and religion. Growing up in Iraq, Mehdi did not have the freedom to express

"I was born in Baghdad, hut I was reborn in Berkeley." he said. Yet Mehdi found restrictions on speech in America when the subject was Palestine and the stance was pro-Arab. He showed up for a radio talk show in California once to find that the programme was cancelled because a Jewish leader refused to

legality of the deal. Palestinians on indefinite fast, admit latest attack has revived world attention

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, May 28, (Reuter): Photographs of the Arab victims of a deranged Israeli gunman greet visitors to the courtyard of Occupied Jerusalem's Red Cross building where Palestinian leaders are on indefinite hunger strike.

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM,

May 28, (Reuter): An Israeli

parliamentary panel today

retroactively approved the government's \$1.8 million finan-

cing of a controversial Jewish set-

tlement in the Christian quarter

of Jerusalem's old city.

committee spokesman said.

of the settlement by 150 religious

Jews in a hospice owned by the

Greek Orthodox patriarchate sparked an international outcry.

The church claimed the lease had

The government admitted 11

days after the settlers moved in

that the Housing Ministry had

paid \$1.8 million to a Panaman-

ian front company to help lin-

All hut 20 of the settlers were

ordered by a court to vacate the

hospice pending a ruling on the

been bought illegally.

ance the deal.

The bunger strikers - men and women of varying ages - seize on foreign visitors to tell the story of their struggle for a Palestinian state and their drive to end Israel's 23-year occupation of the West Bank

The 50 fasting Palestinians, though outraged, do not deny that the bloody attack by Ami Popper on

'Arab workers on Mny 20 has revived world attention in their cause.

Samiha Halil, 65, back on hunger strike ofter two days in bospital, said: "My blood pressure went up...but this is good propaganda. People come to hear the story of the Palestinians." Popper, a 21-year-old former Israeli soldier, shot

dead seven Gaza Arab workers at a pick-up point for day labourers near Tel Aviv. His father said he The killings led to violent protests in the occupied territories and inspired the Palestinians to launch

The hunger strikers have demanded a meeting of

"Our first demand has already been met...now we

territories but delayed any action.

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Hydrographic survey charts Kuwaiti waters

SEVERAL locations in Kuwait's territorial waters pose a great danger to boats and other areas are considered hazardous to swimmers which prompted the Ministry of Communications to conduct a comprehensive survey to indicate these locations at sea and provide safe and

secure navigational paths.

The head of the Marine Transportation
Projects section, Ali Ahmad, indicated that the ministry distributed guide posts along with navigational lights from the far north of Oaha Island to the deepest south of the Kuwaiti territorial waters at Umm

NEWS IN

Area evaluation KUWAIT Municipality is

currently involved in a comprehensive evaluation of all the com-mercial areas at Al Jahra Gover-norate, the daily Al Seyassah

Meanwhile, the daily learnt that the municipality affairs

committee agreed to reorganise Block No. 41 at Al Jahra Area in

addition to discussing the pos-

sibility of expropriating the real

estate situated in the north wes-

tern area of Al Jahra, in addition

to completion of the relevant

procedures for distributing some plots at the governorate.
On the other hand, the committee agreed in principle to

allocate an adequate area for the

Al Khairan Resort project. Additionally, the committee at the request of Al Jahra Gover-

nor, Sheikh Ali Al Abduliah Al

Salem Al Sabah agreed to huild four pedestrians flyovers at Al Jahra Express Road, Al Bakri Street, Al Atraf area and Bishr

Bin Ahi Awanath Street — opposite of Al Jahra Hospital.

BAGHDAD, May 28. (Kuna):

A Kuwaiti official yesterday said

here that the Arah emergency summit, will differ from other

summits and will work on mak-

ing the Arah nation capable of

tor of Arah department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

added that the present time is the

most delicate stage of world's

Baijan, who is a member of the

Kuwaiti delegation to the Arab summit led by His Highness the

Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed,

pointed out to the importance of

He praised the Iraqi concern

and efforts at all levels to hold the

JEDDAH, May 28, (Kuna):

Secretary-General of the Organ-

isation of Islamic Conference

(OfC), Hamid Al Gabid, yesterday called on the OIC member

states to co-operate fully with

Saudi Arahia to ensure the suc-

cess of haj season late next

respect the generous hospitality

offered to them by the hrotherly

people of Saudi Arahia," said Gabid in a message to Muslims

on the occasion of the haj scason.

to avoid all actions "liable to

perturh the peace and security of

pilgrims and abstain from any

dispute or demonstrations

imcompatible with the known

rites of haj such as have always been practiced."

and hrotherhood," said Gahid.

"I hope that they arrive to this

holy land full of fervour and per-

form their religious duties with

the kind bumility, dignity and

respect in keeping with the

solemn and sacred nature of the

RIYADH, May 28, (Kuna):

Oman's Trade and Industry

Minister Salem Bin Abdallah Al

Ghazali arrived here yesterday and conferred with Saudi

officials on ways to strengthen

trade exchange between his country and the kingdom, an

Ghazali met with his Saudi

The talks in the two separate

counterpart Suleiman Al Salim

and Electricity Minister Abdul

meetings centred on economic

co-operation between Muscat

and Riyadh and preparations for

the meeting next month of a com-

mittee co-ordinating such co-operation among the six GCC

The Omani official also met

with GCC secretary-general

Abdalia Yaqouh Bishara before

TEHRAN, May 28. (Kuna):

fran and Qatar have signed a

memorandum of understanding

in Quar to strengthen co-opera-

tion between them in the fields of

agriculture and trade, Radio

According to the radio, the

memorandum was signed by

Iranian Agriculture Minister Isa

ranian Agriculture Minister Isa Kalantrai and Qatar's Agricul-ture Minister Sheikh Hamad Bin

Tehran announced.

countries, the source said.

the latter flew to Baghdad.

Agreement signed

event and places."

official source said.

Aziz Al Zamel.

Omani minister

"Islam teaches discipline, love

Gabid also called on Muslims

"I call upon them (Muslims) to

the summit during the time.

Abdel Hamid Al Baijan, direc-

Summit effort

repelling agressions.

BRIEF

Estimated cost KD 2 million

Ai Maradim Island.

tell you my daughter. Your God

is one, your grave is one and your husband is one. Mohammed Sal-man asked for your hand in marriage and you are going to

This is what Umm Fatima's

father told her one afternoon

more than 33 years a go when she

was seventeen. She obediently

ohliged. The word "no" was not

in a girl's vocahulary when talk-

A lot has changed in the Kuwaiti family since then, not

only in decision-making and

relationships among its mem-

bers, but also in the family's com-

position and function. The

accelerated change mainly caused by the oil boom was

"The Kuwaiti family today is neither the extended family it

used to be nor the isolated

nuclear family of the West. It is a

transitional family which has

features of both," says Dr Fahed Al Nasser of the Sociology

Department at Kuwait Univer-

sity.

Nasser explains that although

the Kuwaiti family today mostly

consists of a couple and their

children, their ties with their own

families remain extremely

strong. "They still visit their

families very often, get together

on Fridays and leave the kids

with grandparents, aunts or

are opting for their own apart-

ments or houses, but a number of

them still find it more convenient

Umm Fatima loves the feeling

of closeness living in an extended

family provides. Before she got

married, she used to live in a 6-

room house in Hawalli with her

mother, father, her father's

second wife and her brothers and

26-year-old daughter who is

expecting her first baby soon,

also has no qualms about living

with her in-laws. "I had the

choice when I was married to

have my own house or live with

them. I chose to live with them

because I could not cook or run a

household. I also have a joh that

Haya's younger sister, Hissa

(not her real name) who is 19

keeps me husy all morning."

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Haya (not her real name), her

to live with parents or in-laws.

marry him.

ing to her father.

Meanwhile, director of the technical affairs department at the Ministry of Communications, Engineer Nabeel Mulla Husain said that the survey conducted included the printing of 66,000 marine maps and cost an estimated KD2 million. He said that the project yielded good results and supported studies and researches conducted by other government authorities. He stressed on the importance of the hydrographic survey of the territorial waters in measuring the depth of water at all locations and drawing marine maps

He pointed out that six boats took part in the survey project, the main boat was 125 feet long working round the hour at deeper locations, in addition to five other

boats 27 feet long each for shallow waters. He indicated that all hoats were fully prepared and equipped with advanced survey devices and computers to store data He added that hundreds of samples were

samples the project included survey works

collected during the survey to test the soil at different locations. In addition to these

for nearly 112 marine obstacles.

He said that the technical affairs department will in the near future seek to train Kuwaiii youths on surveying, hoping to

establish a Kuwaiti hydrographic office. Meanwhile, head of the Marine Transportation Project section, Ali Ahmad said that the ministry is currently studying a project to modernise the old Failaka port. The project will include deepening the port and huilding a channel to the southern exit, in addition to restoring the port sides. He stated that the project also comprises huilding administration offices.

Kuwaiti family in transition...

Changing values

Special Report

By Diana Abou Haldar







Hamad Al Suaidan

the make-up of the Kuwaiti

family, she often misses that

closeness that was lost in the

process. She would understand if

her son wanted to live in a place

of his own with his wife when he

gers married, hut deep inside, she

would want them to stay with her

agree. She believes that children

having their own houses is a

cause for better relationships in

families. "When a number of

familes live in one house, they

fight more. But when they have

separate living space they

become more relaxed. In one

house, your husiness becomes

everybody's husiness and you

Real Change

"Although most Kuwaiii

families don't live in what we

used to call the family house

anymore, our feeling of belong-

ing to the one big family is still very strong. I know that my six

hrothers and four sisters and

their families are going to be

there for me when I need them

and vice versa," Zahem explains.

for lunch I know my brother

likes, I cannot hut send him some

with the driver. I cannot enjoy

life without my family. I exist

girls who set fire to their abayas

ttraditional hlack head-to-toe

cover) in front of their school in

1956, believes that the change in

the Kuwaiti family was brought

by a boom in education rather

"When girls started to go to

school in 1938, they started to

open up to the world and know

than a boom in economy.

Zahem, one of five teen-age

through them.

When I am having something

lose your privacy." she says.

Sheikha Al Zahem would not

in the same house.



tor, came to me and told me that she is in love with her colleague at the university. There is nothing wrong with that. But my sister could have never said anything of that sort to my father, for instance," adds Khalaf. But Khalaf believes that

does not agree with her. "I would rather live on my own because I don't like living with people I don't really know. I like to have lunch or go out whenever I want without having to answer to But although Hissa sounds

like a social rebel in comparison to her mother and sister, she says that she would agree to a familyarranged marriage provided she gets a chance to meet the suitor and get to know him. "I will never marry without my family approval," Hissa asserts. Louioua (not her real name)

32, who lives with her husband and daughter in an apartment overlooking the Gulf, also believes that it is healthier for couples to have a place of their own. "I could work our problems between my husband and myself better away from our families. Also, there are these little things that might might huild up and cause problems such as the way I dress my little girl. My mother-in-law might not like it for instance," she says.

Like many other young cou-ples, Louloua and her husband Hassan got married after a love story and their families approval. Girls falling in love was unheard of forty or fifty years a go.

Traces "When parents felt their daughter liked a young man or even mentioned him often, they got her married to another one.

says Fadel Khalaf, a Kuwaiti

writer in his sixties.

"My daughter, who is a doc-

Kuwaiti society still has "traces of the past." "Although girls can drive and go to the university, some of them are still being pushed into marriages they don't want," he says explaining that change takes a very long time to occur even in Western societies.

Khalaf remembers his unpleasant experience of moving out of his futher's house after he was married more than forty years ago. His parents were hearthroken. "It was like declaring some kind of a war, but I was determined to gain freedom for myself, my wife and my children, he says.

But not everybody wanted to fight the orevailing system at the time, especially women who took it for granted because it was all they knew. Umm Walid Al Buaijan, who is in her late lifties today, remembers when the oldest member of the house, male and female, had the final say in everything that has to do with the house and its occupants of all

Obedience

"Orders of Ahou Al Beil (father of the house) or Umm Al Beit (mother of the house) were obeved without any questions. Even a married son could not move a thing from one place to the other without consulting his father," she remembers.

Although Umm Walidaccepts the change that has occurred in

that a lot of things needed to be changed," she says remembering how her father chased her all over the neighbourhood after she hurnt her abaya. But Hamad Al Suaidan,

author of the Kuwaiti Encyclopaedia, believes that real change occurred in the early fifties when oil returns were distributed to the people. "When the government started huying old houses in the city to open new roads, and when building houses ontside the Sour (the old city wall) was permitted, Kuwaitis became more financially able to build their new houses," he says adding that the government's policy of providing Kuwaitis with plots and loans to build houses also contributed to the expansion of the city. 'Also when young Kuwaitis

went to school and got jobs with the government, they became financially independent. Their leaving the 'big house' was one way of expressing their needs for independence,' Suaidan

But the new family set-up is not problem free. The Kuwaiti family today in its transformational shape still has a number of difficulties that need to be dealt with. Among them is overdependence on hired help in the

'We don't seem to be able to do without servants today. In the old days all women in a house Suaidan.

It might seems that this dependency is partly caused by women working outside the home. But Dr Najat Al Mutawa, assistant vice-rector for information at Kuwait University, believes that a woman could have a joh and give enough attention to her family at the same time, of course depending on the type of her work, how understanding and helpful her husband is and the ages of her children. Mutawa helieves that the

Kuwaiti family today suffers from what she called the "absence of the family." She explains that although a mother might be in the house for most of the day, she would not spend enough time with her children leaving them to the maid.

"I have maids and I work. But my relationship with my children is excellent because I make an effort to spend time with them. ask about their school work, answer their questions," she asserts. Divorce

Spinsterhood is another problem. It is usually attributed to high dowries and the increase in the number of Kuwaiti men marrying non-Kuwaits.

"A frightening thing that was not characteristic of the old Kuwaiti family is the tendency of these families to imitate one another in their lifestyles regarless of their income," says

Also, divorce which used to be shameful blow to the whole family because marriage was considered a bond between these families, is more common and more accepted now especially since women today do not totally depend on the men-folk of their families for livelihood.

But whatever the extent of change and the types of problems that might sound like those faced hy families in the West, Mutawa does not believe that the Kuwain family today is heading in the direction of becoming a Westernised nuclear family.

"We refuse the European style of life when it comes to relationships with the family. We will never agree to our daughters leaving the house and hving on their own when she becomes seventeen for instance. Care for the elderly will remain one of the family functions, unlike in the West," Mulawa states.

Higher education draft under revision: Haroun

Experts to help frame law

THE Undersecretary of Ministry of Higher Educa-tion Dr Musaed Al Haroun has said that a consul-tative committee set up by the minister of higher education is now revising the new draft law of higher education submitted by the legal affairs committee.

He added that several copies of the draft law were sent to some scientific and academic institutions in Kuwait and abroad. The ministry also invited a number of experts to help the committee in framing the law. He added that the students union submitted its views and comments on the draft law that are being studied along with comments of peers and establishments of repute.

Haroun pointed out that the ministry is also preparing the unified charter of scholarships which is intended to solve many problems that are facing Kuwaiti students abroad. He added that scholarships plan for this year took into consideration the Five-Year Plan of the state, outputs of secondary schools inputs of Kuwait University and Public Authority for Applied Education and Training and the actual needs of the labour market. In this development, the official said letters to 49 government and non-government establishments have been sent to know their requirements and needs of graduates. Their answers encouraged the ministry to start its scholarships plan for the next five years.

The ministry has also set a unified system for scholarships submitted by Kuwait to others countries and organisations. A proposal to set up a central committee to set the general policy for scholarships was submitted. The plan will determine the needs of the state for scholarships and different majors and criteria for these scholarships. He added. that the central committee will consist of representatives of Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Education, Awqaf and Higher Education as well as National Council for Culture Arts and Letters, Kuwait

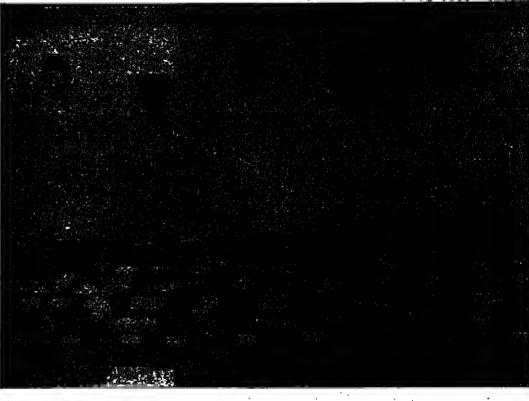
University and the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training.

. He pointed out that one of the policies of the ministry is to develop work at the cultural offices of Kuwait abroad. The ministry aims at giving more authority to these offices in taking decisions as the cultural offices play a vital and basic role in supervising Kuwaiti students abroad and in solving their problems. The ministry will provide these offices with required qualifications and experiences, develop the administrative systems and enhance the use of computers in their activities and duties. The ministry is also studying the viability to open new cultural offices in some foreign countries, he said.

Haroun said that the committee set up hy the ministry to set the organisational structure of the ministry has completed its work and the committee has invited a number of specialists and former ministers in some Arah countries for this purpose. The committee is now setting the employment classification of different jobs at the ministry beside the organisational directory of differentt departments.

Departments.

The ministry will consist of several departments such as scholarships, cultural relations, public relations, information, administrative affairs, and financial affairs departments beside two specialised centres one of development of higher education and other the information centre that will contain the library and commuters. He added that Kuwait University will be an independent institution headed by a rector and supervised by a council headed by the minister of higher education. A new university will be established at Shadadiya area at the end of this century which also will be independent with cultural and academic relations with the present university. The work of building the new university will start after five years, Haroun said.



Caught red-handed

Detectives of Criminal Intelligence Department (CID) apprehended a gang on the charge of smuggling drugs into the country for trafficking purposes, the Public Relations Department of the Ministry of Interior

The culprils Identified as Ltuai A., Iraql, Hamad B., Kuwaiti, Abdullah B. Kuwaiti, Hussain S., Egyptian, Hamad A. Kuwaiti, and Abdullah A., Kuwaiti, were caught red-handed in possession of about 40 packets of hashish, 8,710 drug pills, two machineguns with 169 hullets, four pistols with 127 hullets in addition to three cartons of whisky, the department said.

It added that the contraband along with the defendants were referred to the competent authority for further investigations.

'Half-timers'

Oman government servants slammed

MUSCAT, May 28, (AP): Oman's Civil Service Minister Ahmed Macki slammed the sultanate's "half-time civil servants" in the state Research showed the government's 64,000 employees wasted nearly

50 per cent of their working hours on arriving late, leaving early, doing personal errands, visiting other offices, chatting on the telephone or going out because they were "fed up," the English Daily Observer According to "startling statistics" showing widespread unproduc-

tivity, the paper reported that civil servants each worked an average 648 hours annually instead of the stipulated 1,414. Macki was quoted as saying it was time civil servants realised the harm they were doing to the national economy and warned that salary

cuts for absenteeism would be imposed more strictly.

He said the government had reduced the official working week from six to five days - last July - to give civil servants time to attend to their own affairs. "It has far from eliminated time wasting," be said.

Difficulty Oil-producing Oman, the second largest country in the Arabian peninsula in terms of size, has an estimated 1.5 million population including desert nomads and mountain tribesmen, and employs

around 300,000 foreign workers, mostly from the underdeveloped Macki said it was difficult to fire government employees because of

protective civil service legislation. "One of my worries is that the evaluation reports of government employees are done to please rather than being realistic, And if they are

false it is negatively reflected in productivity. I trust that the evaluators will use their consciences and will be honest," he said.

The absenteeism figures were revealed following a two-year "punctuality, attendance and productivity" research study initiated by the Muscat-based Institute of Public Administration.

Municipality may collect service fees

By Jamal Ameen

THE council of ministers has reportedly agreed to revise the last clause under article 24 of law No 15 issued in 1972 regarding the Municipal Affairs Committee, which regulates the functions and areas of competence of the

The revision has stipulated that the committee could impose duties on the use of public facilities run hy the committee, and that it has the right to set up the needed fee-collecting system and lay down all required measures on delayed payment.

Meanwhile, the Municipal Affairs Committee has agreed to allocate three sites for the mobile telephone communications system, one in Shaah, the other m Abdullah Salem district and the third in Adailyia. It also agreed to the names

given to the Jahra project, while the council of ministers refused to approve one decision for the use of certain street numbering systems on the condition that the related study be reconsidered.

Road problems being addressed recently adopted a scheme aimed at utilising

THE Director of Research and Laboratories at the Ministry of Public Works, Zaid Abdul Latif was quoted as saying that the roads research centre affiliated to the department has carried out several consulting studies for different governmental authorities, including the Public Ports Authority (PPA), Director General for Civil Aviation (DGCA) and the Ministry of

These studies are intended to address the problems related to the paving of roads, the official said. He added that the department had

value added materials designed to improve bitumen quality. The scheme further aims at conducting a study of Kuwaiti soil in addition to the review of the general specifications concerning road projects at the Ministry of Public

The official said that his department has designed an asphaltic mixture which is intended to resist the adverse climatic factors that generally affect road pavements.

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Minister of Communications Abdulla Al Sharhan called for

Public opinion can be a guide for

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Minister of Higher Education,

Dr Ali Al Shamlan announced

science and technology, jointly with Kuwait Institute for Scien-

tific Research, Kuwait Founda-

uon for the Advancement of

Science and others. The commit-

tee will be in charge of working

out the general policy for the

transfer of technology and

science to the country and deter-

mine its priorities in accordance

Directives

Minister of Finance Jassem Al

Khorafi pointed out that the

starting point concerning this

issue should begin by developing and consolidating the role of the existing scientific institutes and

centres. The minister added that

concentration should be directed

towards studying the adverse

and negative aspects of the func-

tioning of the existing scientific

bodies in Kuwait. Through such

directives the functioning of such

establishments and bodies can be

improved. He said that this is

much better than the idea of

establishing more councils and

committees. Experiments in

many countries showed that the

establishment of several commit-

tees and centres lead to overlap-

pingin duties and made them less

productive. The minister added

that if there is a true desire for

improving scientific research in

Kuwait, it should be done

experiments of the establish-

ments already involved in this field particularly Kisr. He added

that Kisr has succeeded in com-

pleting many important research studies for Kuwait and has recen-

tly entered a new era of carrying

ont economic researches and

studies at the level of the GCC.

The minister wondered what are

we expecting to get from new

committees that would begin

from zero without benefitting

from the old councils and scien-

Concerning the absence of a

science and technology policy in

Kuwait, Khorafi said that

Kuwait is a small country. It has

started off at a quick pace in this

field. The country greatly cen-tred on reducing the time factor

in completing infrastructure. After completing that, there are plans to "work out strategies for

future works in all fields includ-

Council

Chairman of the General Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources.

Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij called

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research, Sharhan said.

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Over KD1.4bn spent on housing since '74

KD876m allocated for next plan

THE minister of state for housing affairs Naser Abdullah Al Roudhan has said that the total amount of money spent by the National Housing Authority (NHA) for construction of housing projects to provide government houses for Kuwaiti families since the year of its establishment in 1974 up to the last year 1988/89 was KD1,434,532,000.

He told a local daity that the total government spending on government houses has leapt considerably over the recent past which reflected the great government concern in providing decent public housing to Kuwaiti families.

He said that the highest amount of fin-ancial allocations for the housing project was in the budget of 1985/86 which rose to KD 161,133,000, adding that the NHA has completed 40,024 housing units, of which 25,484 were houses, 3756 buildings, 1088

flats and 9696 Arabic style houses. He said that the third Five Year Plan is nearing the end and the total number of houses completed totalled 24,000 housing

units which included ready houses, buildings, flats and related facilities such as schools, mosques, clinics, shopping centre and others.

The government has allocated KD 876 million while a higher amount will be

allocated for contraction of housing project within the frame work of the fourth five-year plan under which 23,000 housing units will be built.

He said that the problem of land scarcity was a basic impediment towards the expansion in housing projects, that is why the NHA keeps studying new building techniques to account for this problem, with the social considerations involved.

Rwandan minister

KUWAIT, May 28, (Kuna): Rwanda's Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Co-Bizimungu lett here today concluding a two-day official visit, during which he discussed with the Kuwaiti officials future of boosting bilateral co-opearation

In a press conference held here Bizimungu hailed the Kuwaiti-Rwandan relations.

during the visit, with the Kuwaiti officials ways of boosting economic and investment relations between the two countries, indicating that the relations had been boosted during the Rwandan president's visit to Kuwait in

He added that he met with the and agriculture.

ing in the just Palestinian cause.

The Rwandan official in conclusion, expressed his thanks and appreciation for the hospitality he witnessed during his visit to Kuwait, wishing that the officials in the two countries exchange visits to strengthen co-operation between Rwanda and Kuwait.

TOKYO, May 28, (Kuna): A Kuwaiti delegation from the Ministry of the Interior, currening with director of the Japanese National Police Agency Takayu-

Yashiro presented the delega-tion with a detailed explanation

A NUMBER of senior officials Assistant Kuwait University Rector for Scientific Research. stressed that the absence of a Dr Ali Mohammad Akhar stresnological policy in Kuwait adversely affected the course of scientific research and developsed that the establishment of a higher council for scientific research from all bodies concerned with scientific research is essential to develop scientific research and studies in the country. The council should have the ority like a council or a special power to work out policies, draw working out a programmed science and technology policy for Kuwait. Among those who spoke were ministers, senior up research plans and co-ordin-

ate them with development

plans, and determine priorities of

scientific research to comply with

development plans and prevent

Lack of scientific

policy bemoaned

Research imperative: officials

repetition.

He said that Kuwait's 5-year development plan has included seeking the opinion of the public concerning the necessary and special national attention most required scientific research. towards scientific research and a call for dependence on national cadres and the development of research in fields with strategic importance. But, he added, that the research policies and its that the ministry is currently studying the possibility of establ-ishing a national committee for framework for the establishments have not been determined and so is its way of working. On the contrary, many developing countries have already drawn

clear policies for science and technology and they provide facilities to scientific institutes to achieve their goals.

Applications

Kuwait University, Kuwait

Institute for Scientific Research. Kisr, and Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science, Kfas, are the major three scientific bodies involved in scientific research. Dr Ali Akbar said that the application of science for useful results requires encouraging a special type of studies known as development studies which Kuwait as most of other developing countries still lack. Concerning Kuwait University's role in scientific research, he said that it began at the university in a small way. In 1980/81 for example, the university financed 89 scientific studies but this number increased to 267 studies in 1985/ 86. This reflects an increasing attention in scientific research at the university, Dr Akbar added. The number of university sponsored and financed research studies shot up to 300, 388 and 437 researches in the following three years. This would means that Kuwait University financed 2,129 scientifie researches over the past 10 years.

Dr Akbar added that the scientific studies sponsored by the university centred on subjects involved in the country's economic development. Such subjects included engineering, petroehemicals, water resources, poliution, public health, diseases, descrification and others. Thus, most research actually served the process of develop-ment in Kuwait. He said that before granting sponsorship and financing to any research by the university special scientific research budget, highly specialised personnel evaluate the scope of the project. The practical feasibility must be proved to secure university financing. But he said that the practical implementation of scientific research proved successful by the university mainly depends upon political decision-makers.

Revision Director of the economic technology department at Kisr, Dr Adel Assem called for revising the state policy on scientific research and development. He called for working out of a national programme to hridge the gap resulting from the absence of a clear policy on

department at Kisr works out scientific research plans through consultation with the various departments and examining the priorities of development plans in Kuwaii besides asking for the opinions of the public and private sectors.

Financing of research depends mainly on the nature of research. Kisr, Kias and other concerned sides usually contribute to financing. He stressed that through its many research programmes, Kisr made many important achievements hoth at scientific and human levels. It succeeded in creating a complete staff capable of applying and improving the method of scientific research.

Minister of Higher Education Dr Ali Al Shamlan said that the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science, Kfas, has financed research studies at Kisr and Kuwait University. Most of such researches were connected to development in Kuwait and science and technology.

Examples for such research studies include conservation of energy in huildings, surveys on shrimps in Kuwait's territorial waters, influence of heat on sheep productivity, upgrading the efficiency of poultry industry, use of personal computers in training deaf children, detection of pig fats and meat added to other types of meat and many others. He added that a number of research sponsored by Kfas and carried out in Kisr won patents outside Kuwait. Kuwait registered at least 10 such patents

Experience

Director-General of Kisr, Dr Ahmad Al Jassar said that over the past years, Kisr gained a good experience in scientific research. It formed solid base of utilities and experiences relating to scientific research. It executed a number of studies and researches that saved huge amounts of money and helped solve difficult technical problems facing various industrial sectors. Examples for that is a research on huilding specifications for various eonstructions in Kuwait primarily aimed at saving con-sumption of energy. This research was carried out in cooperation with the Ministry of Electricity and Water and the ministry later adopted the result of the study and enforced it. As a result, hundreds of millions of dinars are being saved for the

country. Kisr also made a great contribution during the oil slick resulting from the Iranian Norouz oil field during the Iraq-Iran war. The Kisr study found no real risk endangering the country. This saved the government lot of efforts and financial hurdens of the time.

Jassar said that Kisr also carried out many studies on the industrial sector in the country. It made a study on the performance of aluminium doors and windows in Kuwait. As a result, new specifications for aluminium windows and doors were adopted to suit elimatic conditions in Kuwait. It greatly contributed in research for the oil sector. An example of this is the research on the reactivation of catalyst materials used in refineries. The institute similarly achieved a great number of useful scientific studies on many other subjects including foodstuff industries, developing government houses, ways of facing Manakh crisis, others for assisting national banks and many

Labour law under review

THE Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour intends to formulate a special law to increase the number of Kuwaiti employees in the private sector and accordingly a study in this respect is being undertaken.

A study to determine the level of nationals working in the private sector, indicated that they constitute only 4 per cent of the total manpower in this sector.

Meanwhile, Al Seyassah. quoted a source at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour as stating that the ministry has a study in hand which relates to the problems caused by cancelling the residence permits of expatriates who have stayed away from Kuwait for over six months. The study which is in its final form is expected to be submitted to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour within the next few days the sources said.

Increase in state income

THE report of the Auditing Bureau on the closing account of the state budget for the fiscal year 1988/89 showed an increase of KD313,758,128 in the actual incomes of the state compared to the estimated incomes of the

The report indicated that there is an actual increase in the following: oil incomes K,D246,559,044; income tax from non-oil companies: KD 3,891,719; customs taxes and fees: KD2,284,921; electricity and water: KD3,540,531; postal stamps and other official stamps: KD 10,718,607; various returns and fees: KD 55,141,984; health services: KD2,823,125 and transportation and communications

services: KD5,330,572.

The explanation management dum of the olosing account showed actual incomes of 1988/ 89 increased by 5.15 per cent totalling KD116,627,725. The report showed that public spendings amounted to KD3,194, 800,000 last year after being increased by KD250 million in an additional budget. Actual expenditure amounted to KD2,998,603,857 marking a saving of KD446,196,142.

Committee to amend charter

THE rector of Kuwait Univer-sity Dr Shuaih Abdulla has said that a six member committee was set up comprising represen-tatives of students and administration of university to amend only article No 10 of the courses charter. He added that other articles of the charter had been agreed upon prior to the students union strike on May 8, 90. The amended article No 10 permits students to re-study eight courses and to consider the last grade only. The six member committee will approve all proposed amendments submitted by union and administration in its next meeting on Monday, the official said.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the students union Naser Al Anzi has said that the six member committee held three meeting to amend articles 10 and 13. He added that committee article No 13 also to warn students who gets an average of less than 1.67 if he finishes less than 45 credit hours; and who gets an average of 1.87 if he finishes between 45 and 60 credit hours. Students who get less than 2 points will get a warning if he finishes more than 60 credit hours. He added that committee also allowed students who get weak grades to register at least 12 credit hours after getting the approval of the supervisor and head of the science department. The students affairs committee of the university will also allow students who finish between 45 and 60 credit hours to transfer to other faculties or department, he said.

Kuna building

KUWAIT. May 28, (Kuna): Public Works Minister Abdel Rahman Al Houti today signed a contract with a local company for the construction, accomplishment and maintenance of the headquarters of the Kuwait News Agency (Kuna).

The KD 3.34 million contract is to be carried out in 600 days as

sign good conduct pledge and that he had to pull her hand to free the lighter THE Criminal Court has abstained from ruling

The director-general of Tratfic Department Brigadier Abdulhemeed Hajjl Abdurahim honoured Engineer

Reja Al Sulaili of the Ministry of Public Works for his efforts and co-operation with the Traffic Department, the

It added that Brigadier Abdurahim presented Sulaili with e certilicele of appreciation and a commemorative gift for Sulaili for his contribution towards treffic streamlining.

From the courts

Policeman, mother-in-law

against a woman and her son-in-law, a police corporal, and ordered that they submit a written statement pledging to observe good conduct for one

Public Relations Department of the Ministry ol Interior reported.

Sulaili honoured

The court also decided to fire the corporal from his job with the police and acquitted his patrol

companion and the woman's husband.

The house to a man in the amount of KD8.800 in payment for cars, and planned to report the theft of three cheques that she had earlier signed blank and pre-emptive action.

On the day of the incident she agreed with the fiance of her danghter to trap the man and intimidate him into giving back the eheque she signed. She made an appointment with the man to meet him and give him the money in cash in return for the cheque.

Her son-in-law was waiting with his companion in a patrol car as the man arrived so they picked him and went to the Sixth Ring Road where they leaned on him to produce the cheque which he said was not with him and agreed to give it to them later. As they released him, the man went straight to the

police and all parties involved were rounded up for

questioning. THE Criminal Court has decided to abstain from ruling against a former announcer in a case in which he was charged of attempting to sexually assault his colleague, and ordered him to suhmit a written pledge of good conduct for one year, follow-

ing the dropping of the case by the plaintiff.
The court heard that the defendant stayed with his two colleagues after the end of working hours waiting for the rush hour to pass lest they get caught in the traffic, and that they were joking when one of the women went to fetch her purse from the other room and returned to find the door locked.

She learnt that the defendant tried to force himself on her colleague against her will.

However, the defendant rejected the sentence and appealed and by reopening the case the court acquitted him of the charge.

He said that he was on good terms with the victim and that she on the day of the incident was jokingly holding his lighter attempting to hurn his ghutra,

The victim changed her testimony and said that he was nice to her and she never wanted to bring the matter to court except for some outside pressure.

THE Criminal Court has sentenced a videoshop owner to two and a half years in jail and bail of KD 200 to suggest the sentence, but the Court of Appeals revised the sentence to acquittal and reduced the imprisonment to six month only.

The court heard that two people had rented a video movie from the defendant's shop and after playing it they reported some indecent scenes on the film to the inspection department at the Ministry of

Information. Subsequent investigations revealed that the defendant had earlier sought official approval for adding two films to his public rental collection, and was told that he could do so after clipping the indecencies on one, and the note was written by the

head of film control at the ministry. The court discovered that the man had wiped off

the official note, but he said he forgot to remove the bad scenes before making copies for public rental. ■ THE Juvenile Court decided to commit two

tecnagers into a social care institution till they mend their ways, after charging them with breaking into a parked car and stealing the sum of KD 13. The boys admitted to having committed a number

of petty thefts and gave official depositions, however they told the court that confessions were forced out of them, but the court found them guilty as charged and ordered them to be admitted into a social institution to improve their conduct.

THE Criminal court has sentenced a man to one month in jail with hard labour and fined him KD 75 to suspend the sentence. The court heard that the defendant had insulted

the principal in charge at his brother's school for deciding to prevent his brother from sitting the exams and expulsion from school, after he caught him cheating.

The man went to the school to attempt to patch up the situation but the discussion soon developed into a heated argument due to adamant insistence of the principal not to back off his decision, and this made the man spit in his face.

concludes 2-day visit

between the two countries.

He said that the discussed

general director of the Kuwait Fund for Arah Economic Development and other officials of the Kuwait Investment Company in the aim of studying the possibility of setting up joint economie and investment projects in the fields of tourism Bizimungu invited the

Kuwaiti private sector to put capital in investment projects in Rwanda

The Rwandan official hailed efforts and activities of Africa's Muslims Committee for its assistance to the Muslims in Africa. pointing out that an agreement has been reached with the committee to construct schools and health centres in Rwanda during this year.

On the diplomatic relations with Israel, Bizimungu asserted that his country will not restore its diplomatic relations with Israel which had been severed in 1973, indicating that his country's stance did not change until now because of the Israeli stub-borness to solve lthe Palestinian

He also said that his country recognised the declaration of the State of Palestine in 1988, believ-

Japan visit

tly visiting Japan, began their scheduled meetings today mornshi Yashiro.

of the organisational structure of the police force as well as the

for establishing a higher council for scientific research to be under work procedures of the Japanese science and technology. He said that policies and planning police at the local and interthe authority of a minister in order to give it necessary strength

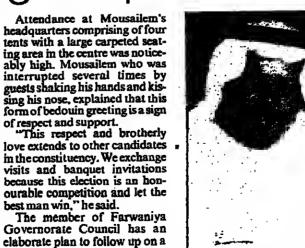
ing scientific research".

By Diana Abou Haidar and Lima Al Khalafawi

CAMELS were being hauled down from a vanette to a pen where they awaited their turn to be slaughtered, cooked in huge pots and served in an open air panquet to voters and supporters of Mohammed Al Mousailem.

Mousailem, an ex-member of the 1985 National Assembly running for a seat in the Interim National Council for Farwaniya and Fardous, started his campaign in the predominantly bedouin areas two days ago.
"As a candidate 1 feel that 1

represent not only my tribe or district hut also the whole of Kuwait," said the son of the chief of Al Rashaida tribe adding that tribal elections have more negative than positive effects.
"The results of sub-elections taking place among tribes by draw in case contenders get equal number of votes, sometimes causes misunderstanding among members of the same tribe and the emergence of incompetent can-



such as expropriating property

and increasing the number of schools and health centres.

"I believe in helping all people

regardless of their nationality. I

have taken the doors off my

diwaniya in Omariya since 1975

when an elderly man seeking my

help had to sleep by my door

from early morning until noon

because there was no one to open

number of issues raised during the 1985 parliament sessions Mohamed Al Mousailem

the door for him. Hospitality, an old bedouin tradition, is also kept alive on Mousailem's campaign grounds where feasting continues until dawn. "Guests feel at home helping themselves to a piece of meat from slaughtered sheep and grill it on coal that keeps burning all

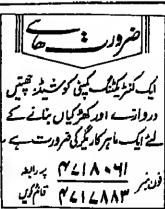


Guests of Mousailem outside his tent in Fardous.

Fund raiser

ISLAMABAD, May 28. (Kuna): Mrs Badriya Al Yaqout, wife of the Kuwaiu ambassador to Pakistan, was chief guest at a charity show held at the armoured officers mess in Rawalpindi last evening to raise funds for the poor and needy women of the city.

Mashaal, a social welfare organisation comprising the wives of army officers, staged the show as part of its drive to collect donations for helping the indigent women of the federal capital area.



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Finland in

to change

Soviet ties

Baltic neighbours, Finland is reexamining relations with the Soviet Union, but with the cau-

While Estonia, Latvia and

Lithuania clamour for the independence they lost in 1940, Finland is in no hurry to alter the course it has followed since

World War II.

"We must distinguish between visions and practical politics," said Aarno Karhilo, under-

secretary of state for political affairs, in an interview with

Some Finnish politicians and

researchers have suggested that Finland's 1948 treaty of friendship, co-operation and mutual assistance with the Soviet Union has outlived its usefulness and

Reuters.

tion born of experience.

no haste .

Thought for today

BEWARE the fury of a patient man — John Dryden, English poet (1631-1700).

Heading for summit Gorby leaves turmoil behind

MOSCOW, May 28, (Reuter): President Mikhail Gorbacbev will escape from a pile of trouble at home when he flies to this week's Washington summit with American President George Bush to clinch

some foreign policy and disarmament gains.
Indeed his second summit with Bush may be a welcome hreak from battling serious challenges to his leadership, including a call for a noconfidence vote in his government, turmoil in the restive Soviet republics and social unrest on his own doorstep.

"I'm sure he is looking forward to this summit so he can see some

people cheering him, some people who like bim," a Western diplomat said, referring to Gorbachev's popularity in the West.

"He needs the pictures of the friendly crowds around him. Every politician can use that, hut Gorbachev especially right now." another diplomat can

Gorbachev's fiercest domestic crinc, populist politician Boris Yelt-sin, made a strong showing at the weekend in an inconclusive race for president of the Russian federation, the largest of the 15 Soviet

Gorhachev leaves today for Canada and the United States.

Moscow is in chaos with hundreds of thousands of citizens rushing to the shops in a wave of panic buying to beat big price rises likely to result from a planned switch to a market economy outlined by Prime Minister

Nikolai Ryzhkov last Thursday.

An opinion poll in the weekly Moscow News said Gorbachev's perestroika reforms had run into a "credibility crisis," with 62 per cent of Soviet citizens expecting mounting difficulties.

Gorbachev on Sunday compared the magnitude of changes under way in the Soviet Union with the 1917 Russian Revolution and predicted major economic upheavals in the years ahead.
In the rebellious Baltics, Lithuania has refused to bite at an offer of

independence within three years if it suspends its present unilateral declaration of independence.

Fresh trouble flared on Sunday in the republic of Armenia, where six Armenians were shot dead in clashes with Interior Ministry troops.

Offset

But gains abroad, such as a new deal on nuclear weapons and the narrowing of difference with the West on the future of a united Germany, could offset the turmoil back home, analysts said,

Gorbachev's hig goal at the four-day Washington summit which starts on Wednesday is probably to ensure that he and Bush sign an agreement on an accord to limit strategic nuclear arms (Start).
"He needs to be able to come home and say, We don't need to build

any more rockets, we can use the money to help our industry and agriculture," the Western diplomat said. An agreement in principle on Start, the main points of which were

agreed during a Moscow visit by Secretary of State James Baker last week, is expected to be the summit's centrepiece, Bush and Gorbachev are also to sign an accord on halting chemical

weapons production and several lesser agreements, ranging from nuclear testing to joint oceanic research and the establishment of a joint But if the superpowers are finding ever more room for agreement, there are major differences between them on Lithuania and the future military status of a united Germany.

Gorhachev bristled on both issues at a news conference with French President François Mitterrand on Friday, saying Lithuania was an internal affair and that those who urged Germany to be a full Nato member were "sowing discord and distrust" in Europe.

Some Soviet officials bope the Americans will not push Gorbachev on either issue waying that his room for management is limited by

on either issue, saying that his room for manoeuvre is limited by conservatives at home angry with the separatist Baltic republics and alarmed by the prospect of Germany in Nato.

'The American leadership must be clearly aware that in the USSR questions of foreign policy are becoming an object of inner political struggle," wrote political scientist Andrei Kortunov in the weekly Moscow News.

"The US administration's growing pressure on Gorbacbev can strengthen the conservatives in the USSR." Gorhachev himself has warned that neither superpower should try to

profit from the other's domestic woes. "Neither of us should succumb to the temptation, when things get complicated either in America or in the Soviet Union, to rub our hands

with glee or fish in troubled waters," he told the US-Soviet Trade Council last Wednesday. With speculation rampant at home and ahroad that Gorbachev is under increased pressure from the military to reverse his reforms, he gave no direct answer on Friday when a reporter asked whether he

could lose his joh in a military coup.

But be said the military had the same influence on his policies that the

American military had on the White House - in other words, a considerable amount.

A veteran of five meetings with former US president Ronald Reagan and the Malta summit with Bush, Gorbachev has indicated that he is more interested than ever in better ties with the United States, saying that summits should be held every year.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1453 — Constantinople, capital of Byzantine Empire, is captured by Turks — some historians list date as end of Middle Ages.
1660 — George Rakoczy, prince of Transylvania, dies in battle

1692 - British fleet defeats French Navy at La Hogue, ending attempted invasion of England. 1765 - Peter II, grandson of Peter I and son of Alexis, becomes

tsar of Russia. 1807 — Turkey's Sultan Selim III is deposed by Mustapha IV. 1923 — Palestine constitution is suspended by British because

Arabs refuse to co-operate. 1943 - Americans defeat Japanese in battle of Attu in Aleutian Islands in World War II.

1947 - Constituent assembly in India outlaws "untouchability."

1953 — Edmond Hillary of New Zealand and Tensing Norkay

of Nepal become first climbers to reach top of Mount Everest, world's highest mountain. 1954 — Thailand complains in United Nations that commun-

ists in Indochina threaten her security.

1966 — Buddhist nun burns herself to death outside pagoda in Soputh Vietnamese city of Hue in protest against country's

military government.

1972 — US president Richard Nixon and Soviet Communist Party secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev sign declaration pledging era of peaceful co-existence between United States and

Soviet Onion.

1978.—China's foreign minister Huang Hua charges at United Nations that Soviet Union is the most dangerous source of new

1984 Sikh terrorists kill seven people in new wave of hit-and-run attacks in India's troubled Punjah state.

run au-Thirty-eight people are killed and 375 others injured at

a Brussels stadium in riots before a European Cup soccer 1989 - Japanese court rules that doctors are not required to tell patients they may have cancer.

Crackdown costs China

Spectre of Tiananmen Square lingers

BEIJING, (AP): Political oppression at home and a hloodshed image abroad are the legacy of that night, a year ago, when Chinese soldiers opened fire on pro-democracy students and their supportant. their supporters.

China's aging Communist
Party leaders regained their slipping hold on power the night of
June 3-4, when they ordered
troops to capture Tiananmen
Square and end a seven-week drive for democratic reform by

the students occupying it.
What they lost by that decision has extended far beyond the hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people killed in the streets of Beij-

The crackdown bas cost China billions of dollars in reduced or suspended foreign investment, credit, aid and tourism.
It alienated millions of Chin-

ese, perhaps irreversibly. It brought to power leaders who have halted new economic reform in favour of the central planning now being discarded elsewhere in the world.

A year after Tiananmen, thousands of activists still are imprisoned without charges or trial. Astrophysicist Fang Lizhi, China's leading dissident, and his wife are still fugitives in the US embassy, hranded counterrevolutionaries.

Zhao Ziyang, the reformist party leader purged for allegedly supporting the students, remains under house arrest. Martial law was lifted in January, hut paramilitary police and troops are highly visible reminders that further unrest will be crushed ins-

Premier Li Peng and new Communist Party chief Jiang Zemin say China is stahle and united, and that further demonstrations are not possible but diplomatic or political normality remains beyond their grasp.

Chinese leaders are surprised that, after a year, the West still is united in its tough stance. In a recent interview on US television, Jiang said Western anger over the hrutal repression was 'much ado about nothing," Except for two secret con-

troversial visits to Beijing last year hy Brent Scowcroft, President George Busb's National Security Adviser, the West has generally beld to limited economic sanctions and a ban on high-level visits. The West still is bolding up

approval of international development loans, except those for "human needs."

Some smaller commercial loans have been made, hut in March the World Bank rejected \$150 million in credit for road building in eastern China. The Asian Development Bank, under sure and with Japan's assent, has yet to lift a freeze on \$490 million in loans.

Economic retrenchment and political repression have killed, for now, China's efforts to enter the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade. Busb is likely to face a bruising battle in Con-gress if he decides to continue its most-favoured-nation trading

status. Beijing's reaction to foreign criticism has been confused and defensive. Chinese leaders insist the economic reforms and open door policy senior leader Deng Xiaoping initiated in 1979 are intact, and foreign investors are

welcomed eagerly. "The climate for investment is unprecedentedly better than at any time in the past, and especially better than the time before last June," Mayor Shu Rongii of Shanghai said this month in promoting a local

development project. The government has made several gestures in recent months, mainly cosmetic, aimed at improving relations with the West. It restored the Fulhright and Peace Corps programmes with the United States, lifted martial law in Tibet and, most recently, released 211 political

prisoners.
But Chinese leaders still hlame Western influence for the democratic impulses of last year and are using anti-Western rhetoric not heard since the xenophobic Cultural Revolution days in 1966-76.

"Foreign forces hostile to China that engage in subversive activities, are bound to fail." Premier Li told the national legislature in March. "Come what may, socialist China will stand rock firm in the East."

China has dredged up the 1840 opium war with Britain as an example of Western imperialism. launched an anti-pornography campaign that includes the banning of foreign hooks and accused intellectuals of "bourgeois liberal" (Western) hias.

lts leaders have refused to express regret for the many lives lost in the assault on Tiananmen Square and insist the campaign for democratic reform was a "counter-revolutionary rebellion" instigated by outside

Where are the your 2002

BELJING, (AP): Here are brief profiles of leaders of the Chinese pro-democracy movement crushed a year ago. In exile

■ Wa'er Kaixi, 22 — A freshman education major at Beijing Nor-mal University who grabbed a megaphone during one of the first sit-down protests and per-suaded the crowd to hold its ground against police. He became one of the movement's most prominent leaders and boldly challenged Premier Li Peng during a televised meeting. Wu er went into hiding June 4, 1989, and turned up in Hong Kong three weeks later. He now lives in the United States.

Chai Ling, 24 — Sometimes called La Pasionaria of Tiananmen Square for her emotional, tearful speeches. She was a graduate psychology student at Beijing Normal University and emerged as a spokeswoman early in the pro-democracy move-ment. Some other students said she was too unstable and fond of notoriety. She was among the 21 most-wanted students after the June 4 army attack. After months in hiding, Chai and her husband, Feng Congde, also on the wanted list, arrived in Paris in

wanted list, arrived in Paris in April. She has been nominated for the 1990 Nobel peace prize.

In jail

Wang Dan, 21 — Sophomore history student at Beijing University arrested in July 1989 after being named the most-wanted student leader in China. He became prominent on campus in 1988 hy organising unofficial lec-tures. Guest speakers included physicist and political disident Fang Lizhi, whom Wang greatly admired. Later, be belped lead the spring marches. Wang's parents, both Beijing intellectuals, were allowed to visit him in prison in January. He has not been charged. ■ Lin Gang, 29 — No. 3 on the

government list of most-wanted protest leaders after Wang Dan and Wu'er Kaixi. Liu took part in the 1986-87 student marches for democracy while a graduate physics students at Beijing University. When last year's movement began, he was working at a research institute and joined the students. On June 19, state television announced his arrest in Boading, south of Beijing, where he was posing as a worker. There has been no word

of him since. ■ Chen Xiaoping, 29 — A teacher at the Politics and Law University in Beijing, who was arrested last summer. Friends say Chen was a Communist Party member who believed the system could be reformed from within. His first act of protest came as a graduate student at Beijing University in 1985, when be criticised officials for banning

a Student pro-democracy demonstration in Tiananmen Square. Last spring, he helped organise Beijing citizens behind



the latest protest. A recent unconfirmed report said he was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

■ Ren Wanding, 45 — Arrested at home June 10. An accountant with thick glasses and an intense manner, Ren took part in the 1978-79 democracy movement, which also was put down by senior leader Deng Xiaoping. He spent four years in jail. In November 1988, Ren began writing essays commemorating the earlier movement and calling for democratic change. When students began marching in the spring of 1989, he made speeches on campuses and at Tiananmen Square. He was charged in March with counter-revolutionary incitement, but there has been no word of a trial. His sen-



Wang Dan tence could range from five years

in prison to death, ■ Liu Xiaobo, 34 — A lecturer in Chinese literature at Beijing Normal, arrested the first week of June 1989 while bicycling from a friend's borne. He was an outspoken critic of what he considered repressive aspects of traditional culture. When the protests began, be returned from the United states, where he was to teach at Columbia University and joined in. He and three friends began a bunger strike June 2 in support of the students. When soldiers reached Tiananmen Square the morning of June 4, the four negotiated a peaceful retreat for the students. His wife and in-laws visited Liu at Qincheng prison in January. He has

not been charged. ■ Zhang Zhiyong, about 24 --- A graduate student in international relations at Beijing University, arrested in July in Nanjing. He was one of the three students who knelt for bours on the steps of the Great Hall of the People on April 22, 1989. They sought to deliver a

student petition to China's top leaders, who were at a funeral service inside for former Com-munist Party chief Hu Yaobang. Friends said Zhang was optimis-tic to the end that the party would grant democratic reforms. He favoured compromise rather than confrontation, a course other students rejected. Sources say he shares a cell with several other students. He has not been allowed visitors, but was permitted to write his family a letter. Zhang Weiping — A senior at the Zhejiang Fine Arts Institute in Hangzhou, sentenced in

August to nine years in prison for having told the Voice of America that Hangzhou students forced local authorities to fly the flag at half-mast in honour of protesters slain June 3-4 in Beijing. The report was not true and Zhang was accused of spreading counter-revolutionary propaganda. BELING, (AP): Here are hrief profiles of government and Communist Party leaders central to the events of spring 1989.

Den Xisoping — 85, China's paramount leader has resigned in

the past year from his last two official posts as head of the party and government military com-missions. He rarely makes public appearances. Chinese sources say be has cancer and there are frequent rumours he is seriously. ill or dead. The man who brought economic reform to China a decade ago still is regarded as its most powerful politician. President Yang Shangkun said recently that national leaders "are meeting him very often in various places." Deng approved the orders to send troops into Beijing in June 1989, but also is believed to be a voice of moderation in preventing persecution of ousted Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang, his former protege, and seeking better relations with

■ Li Peng — 61, the con-servative premier, widely dis-liked for his refusal to compromise with the students and his lecision to impose martial law in Beijing. There was speculations earlier this year that party leaders would appease public opinion by easing the adopted son of the late premier Chou En-La into a less. important post. Li has shown growing confidence, however, and if the economy recovers from the slump caused by austerity measures Li introduced in 1988, his chances of serving until the end of his five-year term in 1993 appear good.

President Yang Shangkon —

82, a former general who joined Li in ordering the bloody military suppression of the democracy movement. Yang, an old friend and ally of Deng, is far more active and vigorous than Deng and appears to be manocuvreing to become the next "paramount leader," His main source of power is the military. He is first vice-chairman of the policy-making central Military



younger hrother, Yang Baibing, the army's top political commis-sar, installed as its general

E Zhao Ziyang — 70, purged as Communist Party chief June 24, 1989, after being accused of sup-porting the turmoil and trying to split the party. He has not been seen in public since a tearful meeting with student bunger strikers May 19, 1989, in Tiananmen Square. He lives in Beijing under virtual bouse arrest. Zhao is said to have refused to confess any wrong doing, and the party has not carried through on threats of criminal charges. Zhao remains a party member and still has considerable support among people who favour his policies of



Liu Gang

rapid economic reform. Hu Qili — 60, sided with Zhao in calling for negotiations with the students. He, too, was removed from the five-member Politburo standing committee on June 24 and removed from all party posts. Hu, a protege of the late party chief Hu Yaobang, has disappeared from public view, hui did attend the annual session this spring of the national leg-islature. Deputies surrounded Hu, asking for his autograph and posing for pictures with him.

Jiang Zemin — 63, former mayor and Communist Party chief of Shanghai, was Deng's surprise choice to succeed Zhao as head of the National Party and become the 'core' of China's next-generation leadership. Jiang's power base in Beijing is weak and he is seen by some as an interim leader. So far, be was carefully followed the party's current conservative ideological stance, a caution warranted by the purge of his two predecessors. Zhao and Hn Yaobang for violating party discipline.

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Allowed

so far, even though he has been held since

carly June. His wife and in-laws were allowed

to visit him in January at Qincheng prison —a good sign, Gao said — and found he bad put

He is allowed to read hooks sent from

home. Reports are that he, like most of the

other intellectuals, receives better treatment

from guards than common criminals and is

on weight from lack of exercise.

Liu, 34, has not been charged with anything

"crazy turmoil inciter."

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should be revised.

"The treaty has functioned well. Raising the question of its future is natural, but the government helieves no change is needed at present," Karhilo said.

The pact has been renewed the pact has been renewed. three times and is now valid until the year 2003. Its military clauses bind Finland, with Soviet help, to repel any attack hy Germany. This pact, and the cession of the Finnish Karelia to the Soviet Umon, have have in the past been cited in Western capitals as evidence of Helsinki's alleged political subservience to Mos-cow, the so-called Finlandisa-

tion effect.
"We have noted to our regre that this term is used, and we feel it is an unfair view of Finnish pobcy, Karhilo said ; As far as Finland was concer-

ned, "we feel we have a stable relationship, a modus vivendi, with the Seviet Union," he

with the Seyler Union, he added.

Karhilo emphasised that Finnish foreign policy was decided by a democratically elected Finnish government. "It is one we have chosen ourselves," be said.

Finnish and other Nordic

newspapers have recently criti-cised Helsinki's attitude towards the three Baltic republics striving for autonomy as half-hearted. Norwegian and Danish editorials last month said Finland had blocked a joint Nordic declaration in favour of Lith-

nania at a meeting of foreign ministers in Copenhagen. At home, the conservative evening daily, Italehti said the incident was a good example of Finlandisation, Lapin Kansa, a newspaper in the Lapp capital of Rovaniemi, said Finnish policy towards Lithuania was under-

stood neither at home nor abroad. Timo Vhavainen, secretary of a Russian studies programme at Helsinki University, said that Finns had been forced throughont history to accommodate a

powerful neighbour. "Itis Finland's paradox that in order to develop relations with the West, we must have some trust and security to the east," he

President Mauno Koivisto recalled earlier this month that Finland had been widely predicted to share the same fate as the three Baltic republics, which were incorporated by the Soviet Union in 1940.

"But we want another road." he said. "This road led first through great difficulties and sacrifices but later to a stable relationship with our neighbouring great power. The Soviet Union has become a good neighbour."

Finland as a defeated nation ceded Karelia to the Soviet Union, and signed the 1947 Paris peace treaty restricting its armed forces and their deployment. Koivisto has rejected demands

hy the Karelia Association for talks on the recovery of the province, and ruled out any change to the Soviet treaty. But former prime minister Kalevi Sorsa, tipped as the frontrunner to succeed Kiovisto as president in 1994, has said he could contemplate changes in the 1948 treaty.
Dr Risto Penttila, a researcher

at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs, caused a stir recently when he presented a thesis on Finnish neutrality concluding that the Soviet treaty needed updating.
"It should be revised to spell out Finland's neutrality, the con-

sultations and timing of military co-operation, and dropping the refrence to Germany, Penttila told a reporter. Two Russians cruise liners rid-

bour, and the omon dome of Orthodox Uspensky cathedral remind the visitor of Finland's cultural ties with its Eastern neighbour. But Finnish pride at defending

its independence against the Soviet Red Army was reflected in the film "The Winter War." a fiction version of the 1939-40 campaign which played to packed houses in Finnish cinema

People still under lock

BELJING, (AP): Ren Wanding, a veteran of Chinese jails, was mentally prepared for who was at the forefront of many marches and Chinese jails, was mentally prepared for arrest several weeks before police arrived at his apartment door last June 10.

Even before soldiers and tanks rolled into central Beijing on June 3 to end popular protests for democracy. Ren's name had been raised in private official meetings as one of the 'very few counter-revolutionaries" who eventually would be blamed for the whole

Friends alerted him, but Ren said May 27. after a last meeting with foreign journalists. that he wasn't running.
"This is my freedom of speech," said the

skinny, bespectacled accountant, who for six months had been writing and distributing essays calling for human rights and the rule of law.
"I must speak. It is my fate to do these

things." Nine months after his arrest, Ren, now 45, was charged with counter-revolutionary incitement. With his prison record, four years

served for participating in a 1978 democracy movement, he is likely to get more than the minimum five years. "I keep having this vision, that Ren comes

home and I'm not there and he can't get in," his wife. Zhang Fengying, said soon after his

Reports Now, with the hope of an early release gone. friends say she has become deeply depressed. She has not been allowed to see him, only to

deliver clothes and books. Ren is believed held in Qincheng prison, western Beijing, where many of last year's protesters were sent, but it has not been confirmed. There have been no reports on his condition, hut before his arrest Ren predicted he would manage.

"I'm experienced." he said. A little more is known about the fate of

Few foreign husinessmen left

China and foreign banks again

are granting loans, but new

"After June 4, there was a per-

ception of a fundamental shift in

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was arrested in July. Reports from others jailed with him and

later released, and from friends who received a postcard from jail, indicate be has enough to eat but little exercise, and is allowed to read newsoapers and approved books. His parents. Beijing intellectuals, were allowed to visit in January, a rare exception to

the usual rule of no visits before sentencing.

Some experts say Wang has shown what authorities call "a good attitude" and may be released, but two large prisoner releases -573 people last winter and 211 in May — did not include him.

Just before martial law was declared in May 1989. Wang, then 20, was impatient when asked if he feared arrest. Didn't he remember Wei Jingsheng, another youth who led a democracy

"How can we worry about one person's safety?" Wang replied, standing in his dormitory hall with a dinner bowl in his hand.
"Besides, I'm too busy. What can we do, anyway? If they want to arrest us, they will." Gao Xin. a hunger striker released from prison in December, believes his friend and

movement and has been in jail for 11 years?

fellow striker. Liu Xiaobo, also will be freed.
"It's as if the government is sifting sand," said Gao, who used to edit a university newspaper but has been unemployed since his release. "The little pieces will fall through the sieve - I fell out early - and only the big one will be charged."

He acknowledged that Liu, a teacher of Chinese literature with a passion for politics, might be a "big piece." Liu returned from New York, where he planned to lecture at Columbia University, to take part in the spring democracy movement.

Official media bave singled bim out frequently. The government even compiled a

a storm." political power." said John Fristhere is one thing investors don't bic of the United States-China like it uncertainty."

In Hong Kong, uncertainty about the future has led to a flight 'Certainty was replaced by a of talent. About 1,000 people, tion of Chinese policy, and if mainly professionals, emigrate

every week from the British colony, which reverts to Chinese rule in 1997.

child to her parents and fears losing their

She said she is willing to deal with those

When he comes out, she said, "I'll dance up

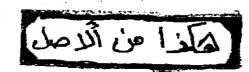
problems because, "while he is in jail, I should

The desire to escape is pervasive among the educated young in China, hut few cando it.

Despite the releases, arrests confinue. Chinese sources said police went to the home of a college teacher last month and told him to come for a walk. He never returned. A few dissidents still write political tracts and plant them cautiously in bicycle racks and public places, but they meet only in very small groups of trusted friends and have no immediate plans for protests or acts of Some would-be activists make pilgrimages to Beijing, seeking leadership. Recently, a 20year-old worker got off a train from the sonth and began looking for "an armed rebel group," without success. None is known to "In our country, there aren't many people

willing to sacrifice themselves," he said dis-Sacrifice is more prosaic for the wife of one iailed protester. Without his income, she faces financial difficulty. She has had to sent their

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Experts to meet

oil market

ior oil officials of independent petroleum exporting countries (Ipec), or non-Opec as they are known, will meet in Moscow on May 31 for two days to review the oil market, Gulf oil officials said.

The meeting's agenda is very flexible, the experts will discuss the short-term market trends after Opec's recent pact, and look into ways of co-operation with Opec," an official said.

The Middle East Economic

Survey (MEES) said today Opec (the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) president Sadek Boussena had sent a letter to non-Opec oil ministers on May 18 asking them to co-operate with Opec's market stabilisation efforts by exercising production restraint.
MEES quoted Boussena urg-

ing non-Opec oil ministers in the letter "to do your utmost to ensure that your esteemed countries join forces with us and exercise restraint on the production level so as to contribute to the improvement of the overall supply picture io order to help prices to recover to a less harmful level as soon as possible."

The experts have no power to decide on output cuts to help Opec's efforts to mop up supplies from the market, but could make recommendations to their oil ministers on their findings, a Gulf oil official said.

Six non-Opec countries had agreed to cut around 300,000 barrels per day (bpd) of oil exports in the second quarter of 1989 to support Opec.

Oman, the de facto leader of the group, would present a study on the short-term outlook of the market after Opec countries have decided earlier this month to trim the group's output to help sagging oil prices due to excess out-

However oil prices continued to decline, after a brief surge following Opec's pact in Geneva, as oil markets were suspicious of Opec member states intention to abide by it.

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Crude oil prices are currently around \$14.00 per barrel for the Middle East benchmark crude Dubai, some \$5 below the early January levels.

Iran may join stock market federation

NICOSIA, Cyprus, May 28, (AP): Iran may join the international stock market federa-tion, the Islamie Republic News Agency reported today.

The official agency monitored in Nicosia, said Iran's possible membership in the international body was discussed yesterday at a meeting of the stock exchange council in Tehran.

The session was presided over by Mohammad Hussein Adeli, director of Iran's Central Bank,

It quoted Addi as saying that private brokers would be admitted to the state-run stock

The Iranian Stock Exchange. which lay dormant for 11 years after the 1979 Islamic Revolution, was revived by President Hashemi Rafsanjani's government last year.

Rafsanjani bas sidclined radical advocates of tighter state control of the economy and is trying to introduce a more laissez faire system.

Revival of the stock exchange is one of his government's key projects to attract private funds io revitalise Iran's moribund

Contract awarded

LAGOS, May 28. (Opecna): Nigeria has awarded an \$800 million contract to five foreign firms for engineering. procurement and construction work on the second phase of an expansion scheme at the Eleme Petrochemical Complex, near

Petroleum Resources Minister Prof Jihril Aminu made the announcement here Saturday during a ceremony marking the award to the Chiyoda Corporation, the JGC Corporation, the Kobe Steel Company of Japan, Techimont Spa of Italy and Spibatignoles of France.

The selected contractors are reputable international contractors, who have proven experience in executing projects of this magnitude all over the world," he said, adding that having also completed large-scale projects in Nigeria "they are, therefore, quite familiar with local conditions."

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World Bank directors meet

Japan impatient to resume China loans

Bank directors meet tomorrow to discuss whether to grant two new loans to China, and Japan's government and bankers are hanging on their decision.

Tokyo sees the World Bank as the

bellwether for progress on ending economic sanctions against Beijing, imposed after it sent in troops against student-led protesters last year on the night of June 3 and 4.
The West and Japan, shocked by the

crackdown, which left hundreds, perhaps thousands, dead, suspended official credits: The World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and many commercial banks following suit.

The freeze obliged the Chinese to postpone dozens of capital projects

such as power stations, railway lines and fertiliser plants vitally needed to ease worsening economic bottlenecks. "Last June, nobody expected the sus-

pension to last more than a few months," said one Japanese banker. "But now there is no clear timetable for resumption. The situation has become more complicated than anyone

Prior to June 4, China was a borrower favoured by foreign banks and governments, with a low per capita

foreign debt, a faultless repayment record and a nation-wide system able to absorb large amounts of aid money.

But the crackdown and the West's strong reaction made commercial hanks nervous about the regime's reform and the possibility of large-scale

Beijing has sought to address these concerns by repealed assurances that its reform and open-door policy will not change, by strong measures to pre-empt unrest and by tight curbs on imports to prevent its foreign debt spiralling out of control.

omic, factors that have stalled resumpuon of the loans. Most important have been the sharp differences between Beijing and the US Congress.

Strong criticism in Congress of Beijing's human-rights record has prevented President George Bush from resuming normal economic ties, including loans from the World Bank, which has made only two new loans to China, for humanitarian purposes.

Another irritant is the continuing presence in the US embassy of dissident physicist Fang Lizhi, who fled there after the crackdown and seems to have

no prospect of leaving China.

For its part, Beijing says it has made gestures to improve relations with the West, lifting martial law in Beijing and Lhasa, Tibet, freeing nearly 800 people detained after the crackdown and resuming scholarly exchanges with the United States.

But it has not been enough. A Japanese Foreign Ministry spokesman said earlier this month it was too early to say if a decision to resume loans could be taken at the Houston summit meeting of leaders of the seven major

industrial democracies in July. What is important is the progress of

mutual efforts (by China and the West). not necessarily the summit," he said.

Debate over resuming the loans bas been fiercest in Japan, whose banks have lent more to China than those of any other country and whose official aid is by far the highest.

Promised cheap loans to Beijing totalling 810 hillion ven (\$5.6 hillion) for the 1990-94 period remain frozen.

The banking and business community is urging the government to resume the loans, because without them Chinese purchases of Japanese goods have been badly hit.

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Share offered

Govt move to strengthen private sector

THE government will soon start selling its shareholdings in some companies to the private acctor, Finance Minister Jassem Al Khorafi announced. In a statement to Kuna, the minister said that the selling of the government shares in about 13 companies comes in line with the recommendations of the governmentsponsored cconomic revivat report issued late last year. Khorafi added that the

measure which will be enforced in the coming few days, will be carried out by the government local investments hody, the Kuwait Investment Authority,

All the 13 companies in which the government will sell its shares, are either closed or unlisted in the stock market. The minister said that this is primarily aimed at not influencing the levels of trading at the stock market. Besides, the selling of a limited quantity of government shares would enable the private sector to absorb them, Khorafi

The sale process will be carried



Jassem Al Khorafi

out on the basis of secret biddings through closed offers by investors willing to buy. Details of buying will be made public by the Kuwait Stock Market, Khorafi

The minister emphasised that the government shareholdings in the listed companies at the stock market won't be offered for sale unless consultations with concerned parties are completed. In all cases, any decision taken will make sure not to adversely influence trading in the market. He added that all investors will

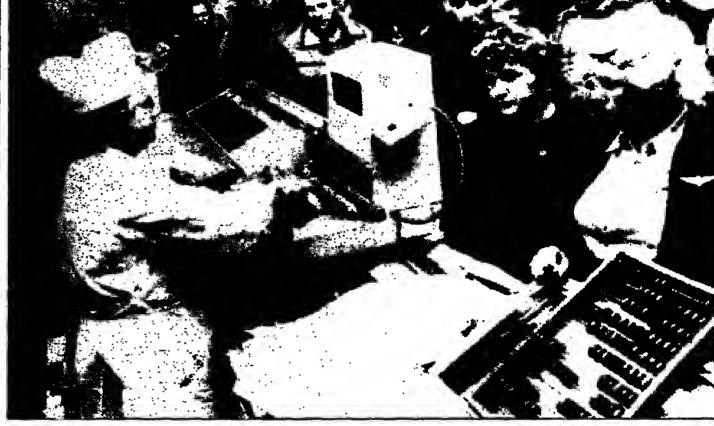
be informed of the government programme its duration and the quantity of shares offered for sale

from the listed companies.

Khorati said that necessary measures have been taken in cooperation with the Kuwait Stock Market for the return of the Securities Group Co., and the Securities House Co, as market makers in the secondary market in a hid to activate this market. An announcement from the stock market will be made soon to this effect.

Khorafi added that the government hopes from this step to expand the contributions and activities of the private sector in the country's economic life and also improve trading at the Kuwait Stock Market.

The companies from which the government would sell its shares include: United Agricultural Production Co., Financial Position Co., Ahlia Investments Co., Rawdatin Water Bottling Co., Paper Trading and Manufacturing Co., Salhiya Real Estate Co., Gulf Glass Industries Co. and six financial brokers companies.



Soviets queue to buy meat sausages at a Moscow 'Gastronom' store and subsequent price rises sparked a spate of panic buying among

Moscow to triple bread prices

Gold firm Dollar mixed in thin trade LONDON, May 28, (AP): The dollar finished looking fairly stable, with tendency to firm, but I

AFS declares 5 pc dividend

Assets growing

Zambia to privatise some shares

mixed in exceptionally quiet European trading today, affected by the Memorial Day weekend in the United States and a bank holiday in Britain.

Gold rose in Zurich, but was not traded in Lon-

don or Tokyo, where today was the Dragon Festival In Frankfurt, the market continued to watch events in the Soviet Union and the progress toward

German reunification with great interest, but in the absence of news, there was little inspiration for "One can't even call it technical trading," said a

trader at a US bank in Frankfurt. "With New York and London absent nobody in

the Forex market is going to take big risks," said another trader, at a West German bank. A Milan, Italy, trader agreed: "The dollar is than late Friday's 1.6895 dollars in London.

A DIVIDEND of five per cent of the \$30,000,000

share capital bas been announced by Arah Financial

Services (AFS) following its annual general meeting

1989 operations reported in February. The 1988 figure was \$1,253,914.

Representatives of the 57 Arab financial institutional shareholders of AFS attended the meet-

ing, among them Arab banking Corporation, Bahrain, National Commercial Bank, Saudi

Arabia, Arab Lihyan Foreign Bank, Libya and

today to sell off a minority stake in state-run companies and set up a stock exchange in what was seen as a way to attract more aid from reductant Western donors.

President Kenneth Kaunda said the public would be offered 40 per cent of shares in public utilities and services and 49 per cent of shares in mining, industrial and commercial services.

This is due to the record profit of \$3,522,130 from

held in Bahrain, 27 May.

London and New York, The market is pretty dead." In Tokyo, the dollar fell below 150 yen for the first time in nearly three months, closing down 0.60 year

to a closing 149.45 yen. Later, in Europe it was quoted lower at 149.39 yen. Other late dollar rates in Europe, compared with

- 1.6790 West German marks, down from

-- 1.4215 Swiss francs, down from 1.4245 - 5.6565 French francs, down from 5.6585

- 1.8910 Dutch guilders, up from 1.8820 -- 1.233.50 Italian lire, down from 1.234.15

- 1.1828 Canadian dolars, down from J.1837 On the European continent, the British pound was quoted at \$1.6930, more expensive for buyers

Arah Bank for Investment and Foreign Trade,

1989," said AFS Chairman Abdulla A. Saudi in a

report presented to the shareholders.

"These positive results reflect the far-sighted policies laid down by the Board of Directors, the efforts of the staff, the support of the shareholders,

the co-operation and assistance from the Bahraini

anthorities particularly the Bahrain Monetary Agency and the Ministry of Commerce & Agricul-

minister and businessman Verson Mwaanga. "It was about time we moved further and allowed people to have shares in these companies."

The financial results were most satisfactory for

panic buying sparked hy government plans to triple hread prices on July 1. Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev tried to slow the run on stores by making a hastily scheduled appearance on Soviet television

MOSCOW, May 28, (AP): Clerks in Moscow

stores today barred entry to non-residents in a

partially successful effort to stem a wave of

last night. "Don't panic, comrades," Gorbachev told his television audience. The speech was

rebroadcast today.

The mood seemed calmer during the morning at grocery stores on Taganskaya and Dorogmilovskaya streets, but the rush

When food store No. 30 on Gorky street reopened after the midday hreak, about 70

Mood seems calmer

people rushed in to buy Vietnamese vodka and Nicaraguan rum, nearly overwhelming policemen who were on hand helping check for residency permits. One shopper at Tanganskaya, where liquor

was not being sold, said that the panic seemed to be subsiding. "There was some concern the first day. But this is already the fourth day, and things bave

calmed down," said one woman who at first was refused entrance to the store on Taganskaya street. "We told them we were on a trip and needed

to get something to eat," said the woman, who was travelling with her husband and grandson. "Of course they let us in."

had a calming effect, "but he really bad nothing concrete to offer." A store clerk who initially refused entrance to the travellers said, "How can you turn away a child? A person must eat." She also

declined to give her name and objected when a reporter wrote down ber comments. A small percentage of those trying to enter the store were jurned away. Some of those rejected said they simply forgot to carry the

residence permits required to live in the city. Gorbachev, in his speech last night, said that "an auxious mood has arisen in the country in connection with the consideration by the Supreme Soviet (parliament) of the government's report on the transition to a

resumed elsewhere after lunch. The woman, who declined to give her name or native city, said that Gorbachev's speech

Call for public protest

Pledge to fight reforms MOSCOW, May 28. (Reuter): A new anti-Communist Party

headed by international chess champion Garry Kasparov and a leading parliamentarian has called for public protest against the economic reforms sweeping the Soviet Union.

"We must soften the economic transition or people won't survive." said Kasparov today at the end of the Democratic Party of Russia's first conference.

"We must offer an alternative and mobilise all the democratic forces to avoid the coming catastrophe," Kasparov, who quit the Communist Party and has become an outspoken critic of the

"By the end of the year we will need a strong organisation to save the failing system.

The party called for the Soviet miners' union to vote to strike when it meets June 9 in the Ukraine as a protest against the large price increases announced last week by the Kremlin.

Of several parties established since the Communist Party ahandoned its monopoly on power in February, nonchas been as openly anti-communist as the Democratic Party of Russia.

During the conference, which began on Saturday and ended this morning, literature denouncing Stalinism and Leninism was distributed. Many speakers called for the government to resign.

Companies to be part-privatised include Zambia Rail-ways, the Tanzunia-Zambia Railway Aothority, national carrier Zambia Airways, the Zambia Electricity Supply Corporation, the University Teaching Hospital and the Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation. "It is a very bold move," said former government Bundesbank to head E.German operations from former Reichsbank

FRANKFURT, May 28, (Reuter): The West German Bundesbank, taking over East German money on July 1, will run its new joh from the austere grey Reichsbank building, the economic headquarters of the German empire until Adolf Hitier's

Until the collapse of the communist government in East Germany in free elections in March, the former Reichsbank building in East Berlin was Communist Party headquarters. It now also provides space for the East German parliamentary

Bundesbank board member Johann Wilhelm Gaddum, in charge of the Bundesbank's East German activities, said the size of the Reichsbank's vaults played a role in choice of headquarters.

It has several thousand cubic metres (feet) of storage space spread over three Gaddum told a news conference the

nelling cash into the economy, the Bundesbank also takes over the reins of day-today monetary policy, the role played earlier the East German central bank, or

The Staatsbank will no longer have a monetary role and its commercial banking operations have already been hived off into the Deutsche Kreditbank, which is

Gaddum also said he did not expect East Germans to go on an immediate spending spree once they swap their now almost worthless East German marks for West Germany's. "I hope a spending pattern will emerge which will be similar to the one in West Germany," he said.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl

news conference in the Reichstag, the old German parliament building.

More than half a million East Germans have already moved to West Germany will in the past year.

Bombay shares

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Dunlop	62.50	60	62.50	Tata Oil	_		-
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GL India	104	104	104.50	Wirnco	23	24.75	23.50
GNFC	38	39	41	Zenith	40	40	42
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باكتنان مكول وكالج الرمشيه سكه ممابق طرسى اور باكستان پسان عول وهای مرسیسه سے حابی کری اور پاسان سنظر الیوسی الیسس سے سابق المرب میں در مناب محمد الود میں الیسست سے سابق المرب میں الیسست کی المربی الالله والمالیه دانجون المی ماز جازہ بروز مشکل مورخ • 14/6/4 بوقت میں بیج بعب رعم مقبره الرقت میں اوالی جائے گی رفت میں اوالی جائے گی رفت الرقت میں اوالی جائے ہیں۔

said the July 1 deadline for economic Bundesbank expected to major difficulties feverishly working on eo-operation accords with major West German banks. union with East Germany must be kept in introducing the powerful deutschemark into East Germany on July 1. "We are not and there could be no changes to the In West Germany, the Bundesbank really faced by logistical problems, agreed treaty. 207.50 207.50 215 national Exchange Co. steers monetary policy with a sophis-Speaking after an inaugural meeting of East and West German conservative ticated array of instruments which carefully controls the amount of liquidity He said East Germany would initially need a supply of about 20 to 25 billion parliamentary party leaders, Kohl said: in the banking system. marks of cash as the economy switched to . The West German mark must become East German monetary policy will the hard West German currency. legal tender on that day (July 1)." The Bundeshank's East German initially be more rudimentary, hut the Any delay could result in a catastrophic Bundesbank wants to create conditions similar to those in West Germany as soon activities will be carried out from the old flood of disappointed East Germans to the Reichsbank and 15 branches in East Ger-West, he said. as possible. The expectations of East Germans are After initially being responsible for funhigh and we cannot allow them to be disappointed," he told an impromptu

Turkey's roller coaster economy may rush back to high growth.

ISTANBUL, May 28, (Reuter): Bucking high inflation and political uncertamty, Turkey's roller-coaster economy is showing signs of heading back to hich growth.

A new mood is evident in Istanhul, where smart cars abound and a huilding boom is throwing up apartment hlocks. State run Turkish Airlines has even started serving coffee and chocolates instead of water on its inter-

nal flights. Statistics underpin the optimism. Industrial output rose 11.3 per cent in the firs: quarter of this year over the same 1989 period, and gross national

Lower net

profits for

major banks

TOKYO, May 28, (Reuter): Japan's world-beating banks registered a string of weaker profits in the year ended March 31, results released today

The banks, world leaders in

recent years thanks to the stren-

gth of the yen and Japan's boom-

ing economy, were hit by losses

from Mexican loans and

increases in loan loss reserves to

cover possible defaults by debtor

also weighed on profits, bank

officials said. Although the

banks are charging higher rates

as well as paying them to savers, not all of the costs of the latter

could be immediately passed on

2.5 per cent a year ago against the

profits to rebound sharply in the

year ending March 31. 1991, bank officials said.

official said: "a sharp profits fall

will probably not be repeated in

fiscal 1990 unless the situation in

financial markets changes dras-

Sumitomo bank's net profit

fell to 174 54 billion yen (\$1.17

billion) in 1989/90 from 198.31

billion yen (\$1.33 billion) the

previous year. It expects parent

net profit to edge up to 175 hillion yen (\$1.17 hillion) in

Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank's net profit fell to 155.59 billion yen

(\$1.04 billion) in 1989/90 from

179.75 hillion yen (\$1.20 billion).

Japan's largest hank expects

parent net profit to rise to 160 billion yen (\$1.07 billion) in

Fuji Bank's net profit fell to

147.13 hillion yen (\$984 million)

in 1989/90 from 171.95 hillion

yen (\$1.15 hillion). It expects

parent net profit to rise slightly to

150 billion yen (\$1.00 billion) in

148.14 billion yen (\$991 million)

in 1989/90 from 155.50 billion

yen (\$1.04 billion). It expects

parent net profit to rise to 160 billion yen (\$1.07 hillion) in

Bank of Tokyo's net profit fell to 50.90 billion yen (\$340

million) in 1989/90 from 59.24

hillion yen (\$396 million). It

expects parent net profit to rebound to 55.00 billion yen

Mitsubishi Bank's net profit

fell to 149.85 billion yen (\$1.00

hillion) in 1989/90 from 167.35

billion yen (\$1.12 billion). It

expects parent net profit to drop

(\$368 million) in 1990/91.

a Bank's net profit fell to

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However, a Sumitomo bank

Japan's discount rate was at

Japanese banks do not expect

to borrowers.

current 5.25 per cent.

Higher domestic interest rates

Japan's

But many businessmen are wary.

product is officially tipped to surge 5.7 past decade, hitting 8.1 per cent in 1986, sparked inflation that has not gone

Only a year ago shopkeepers used to complain of days that went by without a "siftah" — a first sale of the day, as the government hit economic brakes hard to combat inflation.

"It's now quite evident that there has been a considerable recovery in industrial output," said Ali Tigrel, head of the State Planning Organisation. "And consumer demand has been picking

Swift GNP growth over much of the newspaper survey showed. And 69 per

away and the economy may be unable to bear a new round of expansion.

Inflation was an annual 63.5 per cent in April and the government's failure to pull it down is being slammed by the opposition, newspapers and econ-

Opinion polls show popular support for the ruling Motherland Party, which must call a general election by 1992, at iust 10 per cent.

Eighty-four per cent of businessmen still think the economy is in bad shape, a

cent think the future will be no better. There is a feeling that the government lacks the direction needed to build on a decade of export-driven growth.

"The government has changed its policy to revive domestic consumption," said Aydin Ulusan, general manager of Istanhul's Birlesik Yatirim Bank, commenting on a switch away from deflationary moves of the last two years such as tight credit.

"It looks like election economics," "Companies are cautious," said

Richard Arsenault, general manager of susbstantial unofficial economy that is KOC-Amerikan Bank AS. "They have not recorded," said David Carpita,

difficulty understanding whether this is a sustained (economic upsurge) or

Summer houses, portable phones and satellite televison from Europe are becoming available to the average Turk through easily obtainable loans. Newspapers are full of advertisements for cars and household goods.

Some foreign bankers think the bullish atmosphere is justified hy the heal-

thy black economy.
"One can't judge completley by the figures published here as there's such a

general manager of Istanbul's Yatirim Bank.

Government estimates of the black economy vary between 15 and 20 per cent of GNP.

Big wage claims threaten government hopes of winning back support by beating inflation. The trade union group Turk-is wants a more than fivefold rise in the minimum monthly wage of 225,000 lira (\$86).

Pay rises expected for 1.5 million civil servants could stretch the 1990 budget deficit way over the targetted 10.5 trillion lira (\$4 billion).

Gulf Bank weekly market review

KD rate lower

The Motherland Party has seemed rudderless since Turgut Ozai gave up the premiersip and became president in November, many Turks feel.

New Prime Minister Yildirim Akbulut has suffered the resignation of two heavyweights, Foreign Minister Mesut Yilmazin February and Finance Minister Ekrem Pakdemirli in March, both over policy differences.

"The Motherland ship has run aground. Its captain has deserted," said Erdal Inonn, head of the main opposition Social Democrat Populist Party, in a reference to Ozai.

Bankers discuss monetary policy

Bahrain seminar on Islamic banking against dollar

JS-Soviet trade treaty still possible: Baker

Another precondition for MFN status, a

Asked in a television interview on Sunday if

a trade agreement could be reached at the

summit this week between Bush and Soviet

President Mikhail Gorbachev, Baker said,

But he told CBS television that the Soviets

'well, it's not off the table."

general bilateral trade agreement, has all but been agreed to hy US and Soviet negotiators.

MANAMA, Bahrain. May 28. (AP): Top Islamic bankers and economists concluded a three-day symposium today where a key issue was to ensure supervision by central banks over the

burgeoning Islamic institutions. Representatives from 20 countries where Islamic banking has been spreading also discussed monetary policy in Islamic economies, and the Islamic financial

Islamic banking took off in Karachi, Pakistan in the late 1960s and spread in Islamic countries keen to adhere to the religion's rulings against usury. Bank interest is considered

In 1976, an estiamted \$2 hillion was managed by Islamic banks. Today, it is estimated that \$30 billion to 50 billion are deposited in the Islamic banking sector world-wide,

WASHINGTON, May 28, (Reuter): US

Secretary of State James Baker said today it

was possible that the United States and the

Soviet Union could sign a trade treaty this

week, even though beneficial tariff treatment

would not yet be given to Soviet exports.

President Bush announced on Thursday

that it would be difficult to give the Soviet

Union Most-Favoured-Nation (MFN) tariff

status because of its crackdown on Lithuania

as well as its failure to codify a liberal emigra-

The proliferating banking ins-

utuuons are among the biggest financial players in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait. Egypt and Pak-

Thesymposium, the sixth of its kind at expert level, was organised by the Saudi-led International Association of Islamic Banks and the Faysal Islamic Bank of Bahrain. It was spon-sored by the Bahrain Monetary Agency, the island's Central Bank, and the 46-nation Organ-isation of the Islamic Conference, umbrella for the Islamic

. The Bahrain bank operates as an offshore Islamic unit and alone bolds assets of \$1.25 billion. It is part of the sprawling investment houses founded by Saudi Arabia's Prince Mohammed Bin Faisal.

The symposium was held behind closed doors. Conclusions and recommendations offered by panelists, later

released to the press, included proposals for further studies on the relationship between alter-native tools of supervision by central and monetary authorities over Islamic banks, and levels of cash reserve and liquidity ratios by Islamic banks.

The meeting also reviewed the basic need for financial instruments and in turn, Islamic stock markets, specifying Egypt, Pakistan, Kuwait and Malaysia. It was recommended that working models be carried out to realise this need.

Conference panelist and governor of the Faysal Islamic Bank of Cairo, Ahmed Zandou, commented in an interview with the Associated Press that since Islamic banks do not operate on an interest principle, a way was being sought to adapt Central Bank rules for the exchange of deposits on both sides.

"In the case of Egypt," Zan-

dou said, "Faysal Islamic Bank in Cairo has funds on deposit with the Central Bank on the basis of 'Modaraba' and, those funds are in foreign currency."

Under the Islamic concept of

Modaraba, a syndication of financial institutions subscribe their respective participation to meet the financing requirements for a

specific purpose.

Zandou said that "in the case of loss, each party has to forfeit

The reverse case is anticipated to also apply. In the event of a liquidity squeeze, an Islamic bank will be allowed to accept Central Bank deposits under

He said that in Egypt, "the Central Bank checks up on Islamic banks. It is first in the community's interest, then the depositors and finally the share-

had to approve a free emigration law and

The emigration law and the trade

agreement are necessary for Bush to approve MFN treatment, which would levy on Soviet

exports to the United States the same lower

five to 10 per cent tariffs that America's best'

Some tariffs on Soviet goods are now five

"that legislation has not been passed."

trading partners pay......

times those amounts.

traded lower against the dollar ending the week at 291.32 fils compared with its week before last closing of 290.56 fils. The KD was also lower against the pound sterling, ending the week at 493.55 fils compared with its week before last closing of 489.24 fils, according to Gulf Bank

weekly market reports.
The KD was higher against the DM ending the week at 174.44 fils compared with its week before last closing of 177.38 fils. The KD was also higher against the SFR ending the week at 205.76 fils compared with its week before last closing of 208.17

Based on last week's opening

middle market foreign exchange

rates, the KD exchange rate

The KD was higher against the Canadian dollar ending the week at 246.20 fils compared with its week before last closing of 247,59 fils. The KD was lower against the Australian dollar ending the week at 223.08 fils compared with its week before last closing at 221.04 fils.

The KD was lower against the Jordanian dinar ending the week at 433.51 fils compared with its week before last closing of 433.03 fils. The KD traded slightly lower against all other GCC currencies compared to the week before last rates.

As for the KD money market rates, short-term interbank offer rates, traded slightly higher compared to their previous rates. One month and 3 months rates traded around 8.75 per cent - 8.81 per cent range compared to 8.62 per cent - 8.81 per cent range the week before last. On the other hand, hoth 6-month and 12months rates traded within a narrow range at 8.81 per cent -8.87 per cent same as the week before last.

As for Treasury Bills, the CBK. announced a new 6-month T-hill issue No. (122) of KD150 million, with effective and maturity dates of May 30, and November 28, 1990.

World stock markets Wall Street stock prices moved higher over the week, but closed easier, on heavy losses in technology stocks, a week bond market and dollar. The Dow Jones Industrial Average opened the week at 2844 and closed at 2821, recording a slight gain of 1 points over the previous week's

closing of 2820. After moving higher earlier in the week, share prices on the London Stock Exchange cased later in the week in response to early losses on Wali Street and further weakness on the FTSE futures market. The FTSE-100 opened the week at 2282, and closed lower at 2258, recording a loss of 11 points over the previous week's closing at 2269.

Share prices on the Tokyo Stock Market firmed last week as the yen broke through 150 to the dollar for the first time in more than two-and-a-half months, fuelling already strong buying sentiment m the stock market. However, brokers are sceptical of the market's ability to maintain the rally. The 225-share Nikkei index opened the week at 31.845 and closed higher at 32,793, recording a gain of 780 points over the previous week's closing at 32,013.

US dollar The US dollar traded firm early in the week, but was easier later on.

Home sales fell 2.1 per cent in April to their lowest level in almost a year, as the industry remains in a slump caused by persistently high mortgage rates. US 1st quarter 1990 trade

report showed a deficit of \$26.37 billion, down from \$28,75 billion in the 4th quarter 1989. The 1Q deficit was the smallest since the 4Q of 1983 when the deficit was \$21.7 billion, Both exports and imports were at record levels in the 1990 first quarter. The increase in exports reflected. higher shipments of capital goods, industrial supplies and materials and consumer goods. The lower volume of importedgoods included consumer items, non-petroleum industrial supplies and materials, primarily

April personal income rose 0.3 per cent (the smallest since a 0.2 per cent in September 1989) after rising 0.8 per cent in March. While April personal consumption rose 0.6 per cent (the largest since January's 1.2 per cent rise) after rising 0.5 per cent in the previous month. The savings rate fell to 5.5 per cent in April from r cent in March

Market sentiment is slightly hullish toward the dollar against the mark, due to the uncertainty surrounding German monetary union. Despite the yea's rebound, there is scepticism about US currency falling dramatically in the near-term.

Pound sterling

The pound sterling opened the week against dollar at \$1.6860/ 70 and closed sharply higher at \$1.6900/10, compared to its week before last closing at \$1.6485/95. The pound continued firm last week on hopes of its early entry into the European Exchange Rate Mechanism (ERM), on high UK interest rates and the mark's weakness which stems from uncertainty over German monetary union.

Chancellor of the Exchequer John Major ruled out a cut in British interest rates until there was more easing. Tight monetary policy, with bank base rates at 15 per cent since October, was already forcing inflation down

according to many indicators. However, there needed to be more signs that the economy was righting itself before rates could be relaxed.

The higher than expected rise in MO narrow money supply was counterbalanced by a much lower than anticipated rise in bank lending in April. MO rose an annual seasonally adjusted 7.3 per cent, while M4 bank and building society lending was up

just £3.9 billion.

The pound is likely to remain steady in the short-term, underpinned by the high level of UK interest rates.

Japanese yen

The Japanese yen opened the week against dollar at 153.70/80 yen and closed sharply higher at 149.35.45 yen, compared to its week before last closing at 153.00.10 yen.

The yen rallied on Friday, par-tly due to the mark's weakness and partly due to a technical. correction. Worry over the ... stability of the Tokyo Stock. Market has been recently on alleviated, helping to boost the yen. The higher closing of the Nikkei index on Friday, combined with recent US economic data suggesting shiggish growth on has helped the yen regain upward .-: momentum.

A senior Bank of Japan official said he welcomes the yen's recent .: rebound-to a range of 150-155 yen to the dollar, but said he. would be more comfortable with ___ a slightly stronger yen. He also . . said that while domestic wholesale and consumer prices ... remain stable, BOJ remains ... worried about inflationary expectations. Still, the drop in: the equity markets in the first quarter may have cooled such...

expectations. The yen is likely to continue its ascent in the near-term, helped by the mark's weakness and technical factors.

Deutsche mark The mark opened the week against the dollar at 1.6633/43 marks and closed lower at 1.6900/10 marks, compared to its week before last closing at

1.6485/95 marks. The market has remained under pressure from uncertainty over the terms and economic :impact of German monetary union. The latest hlow has come from news that Chancellor Kohl's partners in the West German ruling coalition have joined the opposition in calling for amendments in the proposed treaty on monetary union. Earlier last week West German opposition Social Democrats-(SPD) has said the treaty should include extra safeguards to prevent mass East German bancruptcies and unemployment and provide added environmen-

tal protection.

to 120 billion yen (\$803 million) in 1990/91. **Ivory Coast** to cut spending

ABIDJAN, May 28, (Reuter): Ivory Coast said today it would cut government spending by a quarter, sell off many official cars and close embassies abroad as part of economic reforms demanded by foreign creditors.

Central Bank Governor Alassane Quattara told the national assembly foreign donors bad approved the reforms and would lend 50 billion CFA francs (\$178 million) before the end of June.

The donors insisted on oraștic cuts in public spending after lvory Coast ditched an earlier International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank plan for pay cuts which caused the worst street protests in the country's history.

lvory Coast's economy, once the showcase of black Africa, has slumped because of lower prices for its cocoa and coffee exports.

Dey in Kuwait

AMIT DEY, regional director, Engineering Export Promotion Council, Dubai is currently visiting Kuwait and is staying at Hotel Kuwait Continental, according to an Indian Embassy press release. He will be leaving for Dubai on 30th May. Those interested in import of engineering items may contact him at the

Steve Adams (left) and John With pictured during their visit to the GCC. Specialists visit Kuwait's AMG

TWO senior quality control specialists from Ford Motor Company's US beadquarters have been in Kuwait as part of a regional tour to study standards of quality at Ford's GCC dealer-

ship.
The visit of Steve Adams and John With to Arabian Motors Group was in support of Ford's commitment to continually improve its product quality, in line with the current Quality Commitment-Process (QCP) programme.

Steve Adams has spent 36 years with Ford in body and assembly operations quality control, working in seven different North American assembly

He recently took up a new appointment as manager of Cus-tomer Service and International Quality to specialise in export quality control.

John With, supervisor of technical services and training for Ford international export sales, has been closely involved with quality standards at regional dealerships since Ford's return to the GCC three years ago. "Our visit to the GCC has

spectrum of dealership operations, from product imports and storage to after-sales service." said Steve Adams.

> "We've been tremendously impressed by the progress and mitiatives being undertaken by the regional dealerships to achieve improved levels of customer service."

Ford's QCP programme, the only one of its type by a car manufacturer selling in the GCC markets, is aimed at continually improving service standards through dialogue with customers.

Tax-free status for expatriates to continue

MUSCAT, Oman, May 28, (AP): The government has piedged to continue the sultanate's tax-free status for foreign work-ers, the official English-language Daily Observer reported today. The announcement followed a

period of nncertainty as to whether a state levy on foreign remittances would be enforced to offset the budget deficit in the face of weakened oil prices. The suitanate relies heavily on its foreign workforce, estimated

at 300,000 comprising mostly Third World workers and a 4,500 British force. Like other countries in the oilrich Gulf, Oman imposes no per-

sonal income tax on its 1.5 million

population. A voluntary personal donation named zakat amounting to 1 rial (\$2.5) a year is requested for charity. Forecasting 5 per cent econ-omic growth this year, the paper quoted Oman's state's senior planning official as saying "categorically" that the government was not considering hapos-

ing to Oman. Development Council Secretary-General Mohammed Yousef said the economy had "started to pick up" and be predicted 7 per cent growth in the non-oil sector for 1990.

ing any restrictions on foreign

remittances by expatriates work-

involved studying the complete Trial to begin over Italy's biggest banking failure

MILAN, May 28. (Reuter): Thirty five people go on trial in Milan on Tuesday for involvement in the \$1.3 billion crash of Banco Amhrosiano in 1982, a scandal which shook Italy's political and financial establishment. But the main figure in Italy's biggest private bank collapse will not be present.

Ambrosiano chairman Roberto Calvi, dubbed "God's Banker" because of his close ties to the Vatican, was found hanged under London's Blackfriars Bridge shortly before the scandal broke.

Among the defendants, all facing charges of fraudulent bankruptcy, are Licio Gelli, grandmaster of the Secret Propaganda Due (P2) Masonic Lodge, Italian husinessman and P2 member Umberto Ortolani, former secret service agent Francesco Pazienza and 5 ex-members of the bank's board.

Gelli was extradited to Italy in 1988 to face charges over the collapse after five years on the run in South Africa. He has been temporarily freed pending the outcome of the

The prosecution indictment says the Vatican Bank bore heavy responsibility for the collapse through its links to Ambrosiano. But Italy's constitutional court in 1988 quashed arrest warrants for the Vatican Bank's former chairman, American Archbishop Paul Marcinkus, and two bank executives on the grounds that the Vatican

institution was exempt from Italian law. The Vatican bas admitted some involvement and has paid about \$250 million to bank creditors as a goodwill gesture. But it has repeatedly denied causing the collapse.

The trial is expected to last more than a year because defence lawyers are requesting fresh audits of the defunct bank's accounts. "It is a complex case, it's difficult to say

exactly how long the trial will last," said

prosecutor Pierluigi Dell'osso, who has

He said about 200 witnesses could testify. If the defence motions seeking the audits are granted, witnesses may not start testifying

probed the Ambrosiano affair for more than

until September. Tuesday's opening session is expected to be taken up by procedural issues. Investigators believe the 35 accused joined Calvi to build a complex web of foreign companies, including some in South America and the Babamas to buy shares in Banco Ambrosiano and carry out a series of

fraudulent financial deals A London inquest into Calvi's death returned an open verdict, overturning the findings of a previous inquiry that the banker, a P2 member, committed suicide.

"It has not been easy trying to piece together the puzzle when the main figure is dead," said one investigator involved in the seven-year investigation.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

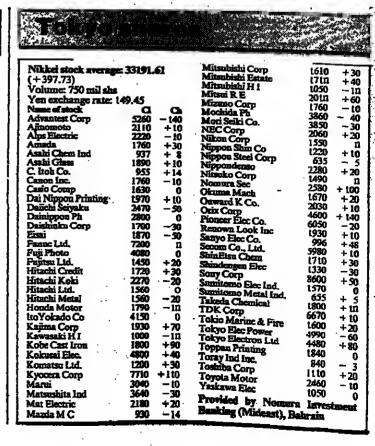
TOKYO, May 28, (Reuter): Stocks closed well up on the day on a strong yen, but off their highs on profit-taking after an early surge. The Nikkei rose 397.73 to close at 33,191.61.

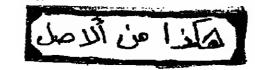
SYDNEY: The market closed firmer, reversing course after a lower-than-expected April balance of payments deficit. The All Ordinaries index ended 5.5 up at 1,485.2.

HONG KONG: The market was closed for a holiday.

SINGAPORE: Share prices closed lower after a day of quiet trading, with activity dampened by bolidays in Hong Kong, Britain and the United States. The Straits Times industrials fell 8.02 to 1,557.33.

BOMBAY: Shares soared on heavy buying at the start of the new account, propelling the exchange index to an all-time high of 810.15, up 23.05. Brokers said the onset of pre-monsoon showers boosted the market.





British risk turning from dog lovers to fearers

By Julia Hayley

LONDON, (Reuter): The pit bull Teirier has been howling for hours on a small second floor balcony on a public housing estate in southeast

"Sometimes it's out there until two or three o'clock in the morning," says the woman downstairs, glancing uneasily at the potential killer on her

Attacks by savage dogs such a pit bulls now make headling news in Avitain. Rottweilers, a breed virtually unknown two or three years ago, crop up with increasing frequency in news-

paper carroons and bar conversation. The British risk turning from a nation of dog lovers to one of dog fearers, and with some justification. say those involved in dealing with dan-

gerous and stray dogs. Many of the calls made by Tim Wass, inspector for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCS), are to check on large, often fierce dogs shut out on balconies while their owners are at

Wass says it will not be long before American pit hull Terriers, which killed 22 people in the United States last year, join the estimated half a

million stray dogs on Britain's streets. Alsatians, Doberman Pinsebers and occasionally Rottweilers are already among the pucks of often wild and

uncontrolled dogs rouning inner city

bousing estates. Some 12 years ago pit bull Terriers, whose 2,000 pound per square inch bite can crush a child's skull in an instant, cost around £3,000 (\$5,880). Wass says. Now they go for as little as

The dogs are becoming increasingly fashionable in Britain, particularly in the poor inner city areas, both as guard dogs and mucho accessories for young

They are the centre of an illegal dog fighting network and are popular with drug dealers who sumetimes stash their goods under the dog's collars.

Bull Terriers were originally used to berd and briog down bulls, but American pit bull Terriers have been selectively bred for 300 years to do nothing but kill an opponent. They will return be a selectively attack berg but will not be be a selectively attack by the selective will naturally attack dogs, but can be trained to go for people.

Selected for their fighting skills

rather than looks, pit bulls come in many sizes and colours. They are generally large, with narrow eyes and, above all, immensely strong.

Pit Bull News, a restricted circula-

tion magazine for the dog lighting fraternity, carriers accounts of weight pulling competitions alongside the fight results. The 1989 champion, Max, won by shifting a load of 2,415

pounds (1,090 kgs).
With no dog registration it is impossible to tell how many pit bull Terriers



Stray dogs pose a danger to children there are in Britain but Wass says the area of Peckham in the southeast of the

And oow that they are so cheap, pit

bulls are more likely to be abandoned on the streets — a frightened prospect. We've just passed a shop where a

pit bull with only three legs it had been in a car accident put three people in hospital six months ago,"

A police report, obtained by the producers of a recent television programme on savage dogs, says "fatablies can be expected" if there are no curhs on vicious dogs.

RSPCA inspector, and local authority dog catchers often go out looking more like police in riot year, carrying shields and tong metal poles with neoses on the end known as graspers

and wearing padded gauntlets.
"And that's not enough," Wass

He is often called to dawn raids on drug dealers if the police know there is a dangerous dog in the house. He can control a 50 pound (22 kg) pit bull a grasper he says, but does not relish an encounter with a Bandog, a new cross of any of several fierce breeds such as Rattweiler, Rhodesian Riogehack and Bullmastiff.

Small children are particularly at risk from pit bull Terriers because dogs

Early this month British newspapers carried pictures of a 4-year-old gerl who was mauled by an Alsation and a Rottweiler and needed 200 stitches in her face.

"Had it been a pit buil, she wouldn't be alive." Wass says

On the day the story sppeared parliament threw out a proposal to bring in compulsory dog registration which had the support of government and opposition politicians. The PSPCA has been been been as the proposition of the p RSPCA has long been campaigning for registration as a means of controlling strays, identifying the owner of a dog and prosecuting those responsiblel for attacks on people or cruelty to the animals.

Dog licences were abolished two years ago. Priced at 37.5 pence (60 cents), they were not cost effective to administer, a government spokesman said. Nothing has replaced them.

Battersea Dog's Home, a charity which deals with many of London's stray dogs either by finding them new owners or killing them, is running a trial registration scheme and has put electronic identity tags into 3,000 dogs it has re-sold. Bill Wadman-Taylor, manager and resident veterinary surgeon at Battersea, hopes that if the cheme proves successful it will be

introduced nationally.
The RSPCA alone kills 1,000 stray dogs a day because there are too many to resettle.

The government opposes registra-

"It would be the irresponsible owners that wouldn't take out registration ... it would be bureaucratic and the burden would fall on those who complied," said a spokesman for the Department of the Environment.

More mouths to feed poses famine danger

Green revolution falters

By Ben Hirscher

WAGENINGEN, Netherlands, 11 (Reuter): High vielding varieties of rice and wheat that have held famine at bay for millions of the world's poor over the past 25 years may no longer be able to do

The so-called "Green Revolugrain-laden varieties of paddy rice to the Third World enabled rice violds to double between

Lampe, director-general of the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), creator of the Green Revolution with its crop development programme.

Yields need to be increased by 10 million tonnes a year just to prevent current levels of malnutrition and bunger worsening,

r, Lampe said. The IRRI, based in the Philippines, expects world rice demand to rise to 760 million tonnes by 2020 from around 500 million today. It estimates 4.3 billion of the earth's projected population of eight billion in 2020 will be rice consumers.

Crop researchers in the Netherlands for a meeting of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) said increased yields are the only chance of raising food productioo, because farmers in the developing world are increasingly running up against finite resources of water and soil

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You have to be apprehensive whether that can be achieved." A crescent of nine million hectares (22 million acres) of land

though the need for high productivity remains as urgent as ever, ""
We now have a problem of the with new wheat varieties pioncered at the Mexican Institute. But despite increased fertiliser use, yields are stagnating. Wink-

> levels fall may be one factor.
> "There will inevitably be increasing sustainability problems of this sort as pressure on resources increases." he said.

elmana said the reason is not

clear but rising salimity as water

Higher yielding varieties of rice and wheat are now grown on around 115 million hectares (248 million acres) throughout the world, producing 40 million more tonnes of grain each year than could be provided by traditional varieties with the same inputs, scientists said. The increase is enough to feed 500

million people. However, the intensive cultivation techniques associated with these modern varieties has prompted criticisms that Third World farmers are too reliant on

multinational chemical companies for fertilisers and pesticides. But John Mellor of the Washington-hased Inter-national Food Policy Research Institute said such intensifica-tion is vital to protect the world's

London numbers run into thousands,

with densest population in the poor

most fragile environments. "A major problem is the rapid conversion of land from perennial crops, such as grasses or trees; to annual crops, like grains," he said.

"Only 10 percent of the annual destruction of Third World forests is due to logging. The other 90 per cent is due to the incursion of agriculture, mostly by very poor people."

Plant breeders are continuing to search for still higher-yielding varities. But the quantum leap achieved in the mid-1960s is not expected to be repeated.

Biotechnology should help speed the selection process but it is not a panacea due to the difficulties of inserting forcign genes in grain plants, Winkel-

increasing emphasis is being given to the needs of farmers in semi-arid areas, particularly in Africa where the green revolulion has had no impact.

Heat - and disease-resistant varieties of grain hold out some bope, but the bulk of the continent is unlikely to ever see the jump in yields which brought food security to much of Asia in the 1970s and 1980s.

"There are 50 countries in the world which do not have enough resources to do local research and most of them are in Africa,"

Rock singer deserves 'pity': author

Elvis image torn to pieces in new book

MEMPHIS, Tennessec. (UPI): Elvis Presley as a teenager was a shy, pimplyfaced and lonely boy whose mother walked him to school until she convinced two neighbourhood boys to watch after him, says the author of a book about the rock 'n' roll legend.

And Jimmy Denson, who served as the rock 'n' roll legend's bodyguard during Presley's years at Humes High, said be is writing a book about Elvis' early years because he is tired of the "king" being worshipped.

"I'd love for it to be the last one (book) written about Elvis," said Denson, 62, who now lives in Memphis after some time as a private investigator in Houston. "That's why I've waited so long. No one who ever knew him could idolize the person." son I knew.

Denson; who calls his book The Untold Story of Elvis: the Lauderdale Court Years, said he expects to find a publisher soon and hopes for publication by 1992. He is writing it for his friends who grew

up with Elvis in a Memphis housing project and watched him grow into a larger-than-life figure. Denson plans to donate 90 per cent of the proceeds of the book to charity.

"I'm not doing this for greed," he said. "If I was, I could have sold this story years

ago."
"No one child in the Lauderdale Courts thought they were beneath Elvis. He was the last person on earth destined for success." Denson said.

Densoo's parents, who were Pentecostal preachers, moved to Lauderdale Courts in 1947, one year before Vernon Presley brought his wife Gladys and son Elvis from a shotgun shack in Tupelo, Mississippi. The Presleys attended the Denson's Poplar Street Mission.

Denson vividly remembers the first time he saw the 12-year-old Elvis, in January

"I was walking with my sisters to school. He was holding on to his mother's hand and didn't turn loose of his mother's hand all the way to Humes High. That afternoon, she was at the froot door waiting oo Elvis," Denson said.



Elvis Presley in his heyday. A new book about the rock king says the king was not

Islamic group moves to curb belly dancing

mentors.

"I knew at first glance, when I saw him hanging on to his mama's hand, that he was a tragic figure. He was taunted and screamed at by the other children who called him a mama's baby, and when the acne begao, it was even worse," be said.

Gladys Presley stopped walking her son to school one day when she bad a doctor's appointment and asked Denson and his brother, Jesse Lee, to walk Elvis to school. After that, the Denson brothers, who both had won trophies as amateur boxers,

what he was made out to be. became Elvis' personal bodyguards and

> The Denson brothers also taught Elvis bow to play the guitar and sing, but it was a struggle, Denson recalled. Denson's account of Elvis' introduction to music differs with others who say Elvis' uncle first taught him guitar.

"Gladys Presley made every move for him. She made a deal with my mother that when they could save enough money to ouy a guitar, my brother could teach him. Jesse Lee didn't want to do it. He said he would have to fight everybody in North Memphis if he had to teach Elvis.

But my mother made him do it. It took years for him to learn a dozen chords. Jesse Lee also taught him how to sing without the corn in his mouth. He spoke using guttaral words and it took him two years to answer questions with a full sentence," Denson said.

But Elvis never learned to write songs

Denson said.
"All he could do was copy. He never wrote a song in his life. He had to hear the songs and then he could sing them," Denson said.

Elvis also was shy with girls," Denson

"No girl would speak to him," Denson said. "His mother once forbade him to play with one girl because she was too rough and tough. But be loved every pretty girl, even at a distance."

Betty Mcmahan, who casually dated Elvis for about five years, was more of a buddy to him, but Elvis became furious when they broke up, Denson said.

"Her new boyfriend used to take her to the movies on Friday night. And there was Elvis as the usher. He would give them a dirty look as he led them to their seats, and

he would pace. And he would give them a dirty look when they left."
When Elvis, was 17, he began to change,
Denson said, He paid 54 in 1954 to record a
demo record at Sam Phillips' recording studio in Memphis. A year later, he recorded Blue Moon of Kentucky and That's All

Right, Mama, and two years later, he was touring the United States. He was still a "sweet kid," at that time, until he signed with Col Tom Parker, Denson said.

"Then he started believing his press reports," said Denson, who travelled with Elvis until 1956. "And I think drugs changed him. He wasn't hrought up to drugs in his Pentecostal home, but once be got

away, bis mother had no control. "He had six hits before Col Parker sig-ned him and put him on national shows. "The Ed Sullivan Show," that was what

Nagwa Fouad demonstrates the talent that has made her famous in Egypt. Nagwa and others may be banned.

'Adulterous filth'; dancers flogged

By Lee Stokes

CAIRO, (UPI): in the latest twist in the 70-year-old struggle between advocates of an Islamic state and Egypt's secular-oriented government, Islamic fundamentalists have targeted the centuries-old craft of belly dancing because they say the dance is

Mahmoud El Khodari, the 36-year-old leader of one fundamentalist group, boas-ted from his prisoo cell that his followers would flog any belly dancer caught perfor-

ming her act.
"We beat up belly dancers we find to deter them from performing," said El Khodari, who was arrested recently for allegedly leading a group trying to set fire to a police car with the policeman still in it. The clash occurred after police shot to

denth a fundamentalist leader.

The bostility toward belly dancers is on religious grounds. Although belly dancing is thought to have originated in ancient Persia and remains popular throughout the Middle East, fundamentalists believe it is sinful because a woman should show herself only to her busband.

Fundamentalists seeking an alternative to violence have opted for lawsuits and other tactics to close down nightclubs.

Prominent fundamentalist lawyer Galal Khalil Abdulrahmao filed a lawsuit against the government last year, arguing that under Islamic law, all belly dancing

venues should be closed. Abdulrahman said that even though Egypt's constitution was not Islamic as such, it still claims inspiration from sharia,

Justice Ministry officials do oot expect a verdict notil late this year, but nightclub owners fear his success would destroy both their lucrative trade and a colourful cul-

tural traditioo. "What takes place in these nightclubs -drinking and belly dancing—is a violation of Islamic law," Abdulrahman said, "It is immoral, and should be stopped."

Some people in the Ministry of Tourism. which has also come under fire for promoting belly dancing in tourist literature, fear that a ban could deter foreign visitors and deprive cash-strapped Egypt of hard

"Egypt is a tolerant country ... any change will deter tourists," said one tourism official.

The anti-belly dancing lobby has also raised its voice in parliament. Although Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood was outlawed in the 1950s after an attempt to assassinate late president Gamat Abdel Nasser, supporters won about a quarter of the seats in parliament in 1987 - and have delivered some of the fiercest attacks on belly dancing.
"This is adulterous fifth," fundamental-

ist deputy Maamoun El Hodeibi said at a recent parliamentary session. Hodeibi is a member of the Islamic Alliance, 10 umbrella group that includes the banned Muslim Brotherhood.

Despite the outcry, physical attacks on belly dancers and nightclubs remain relatively rare.

"This is because we have taken our own security measures," said Mobammad Zaghloul, the wealthy owners of one downtown Cairi nightclub. Extremists last year used Molotov cocktails to start a fire that burned down a belly dancing establishment in the region.

Betly dancing establishments range from the sleazy, downtown clubs that attract lower income Egyptians to the plush clubs near the Giza pyramids, where wealthy Egyptiaos and Gulf Arabs every night throw small fortunes in bank notes at the feet of favourite dancers.

A recent visitor to one of Cairo's lesser establishments climbed five flights of trush-strewn steps to enter a dimly lit, dusty room, with a stage and five-piece orchestra in one corner, and small tables and chairs in another.

A beefy master of ceremonies introduced each dancer to an all-male audience who threw money at the dancers. "I make good money to ensure my children have a better life," said Mimim, a 32-

year-old dancer. "But I work very hard for my money."

She rejected arguments that belly daneing was immoral.

Some think it is bad ... but for me, it is

in the heart of the people."

Betly dancing is so entrenehed in Egypt's popular culture, that one of the country's favourite songs runs: I love belly

That is why some fundamentalists believe that if they can banish belly dancing, the walls preventing them from establishing an Islamic state will crumble.

For the belly dancers, making good money has obviously advantages in a country where the average weekly wage is \$25, but it offers little protection.

Wealthy belly dancers, especially the four or five top names, never leave home without their bodyguards. Rifle-toting, black-clad security police man roadblocks in areas where nightclubs abound.

Dancers such as Nagwa Fouad, Fifi Abdou and Soheir Zaki can earn up to \$2,000 from a brief appearance at a society wedding, where popular belief deems that a belly dancer briogs good luck.

The attack against belly dancing has touched a raw nerve among many Egyp-

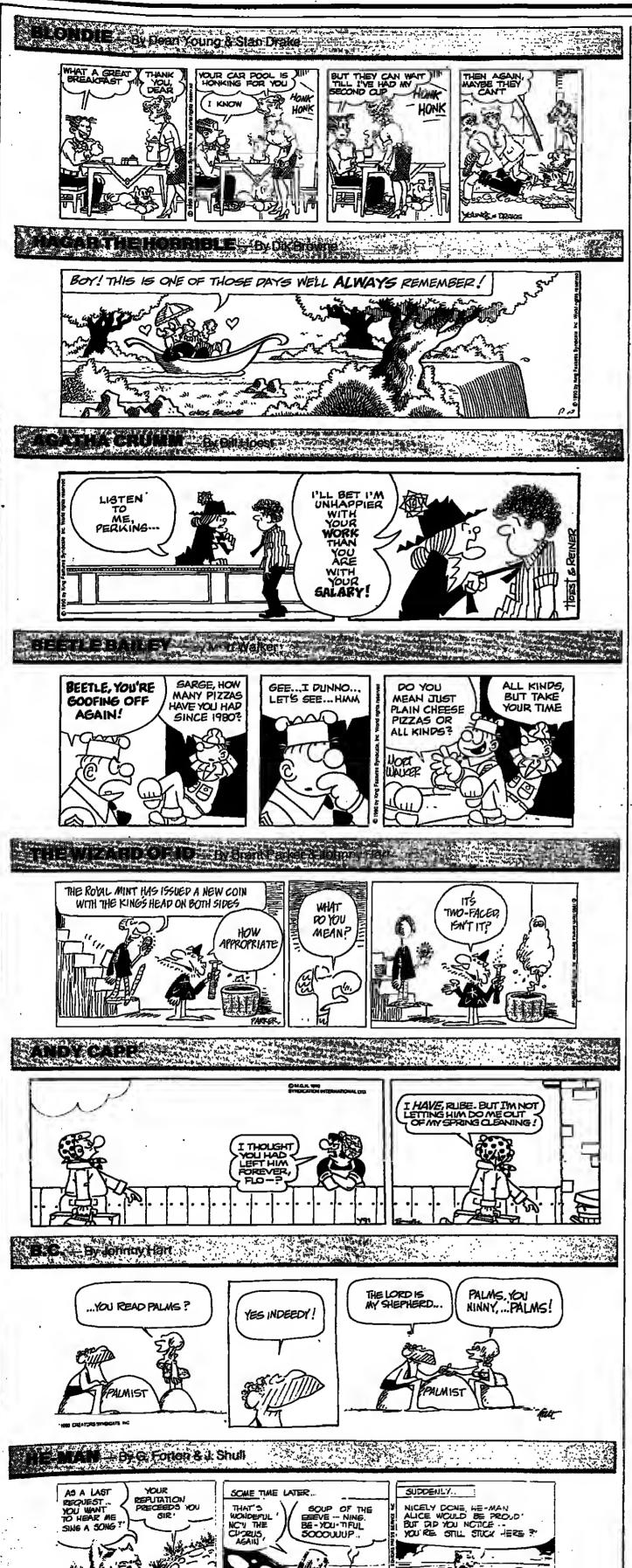
country's rich traditions in their writiogs, music and films. Egyptian secular thinkers have long struggled to find a way of living with a resurgent wave of fundamentalism that some believe feeds on deteriorating living

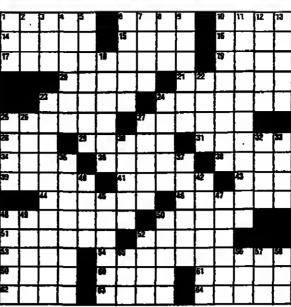
tian intellectuals, who tend to promote the

aod educational staodards. The secular group received a boost when Egyptian writer Naguih Mahfouz won the 1988 Nobel prize for literature. Mahfouz often uses belly dancers as characters in his novels to portray the joys and traditions of

Egypt's poor. But President Hosni Mubarak's government, struggling to maintain a balance between a resurgent Islam and a need to modernise, bowed to fundamentalist pressure last year by banning scenes of belly

dancing from state-run television. Writers such as Mahfouz, whose hook, "The Children of Geblawi" was banned as anti-Islamic, point out that fundamentalists are most angered when confronted with expressioos of popular and political culture that do not conform to an islamic





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BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

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situations. For instance, look only East's ruff sealed declarer's fate at the West hand and the bidding quickly.

Then decide what you would lead Had East held a doubleton club, against South's five-heart contract. West intended winning the first with such a huge fit for operation.

support for hearts, South could al- had control of the trump suit.

FIND THE KILLING LEAD

compete rather than defend. At one table, West led a diamond. Declarer took the ace in dummy, came to hand with a diamond ruff and led a heart. When West ducked, declarer won and continued a second trump, and the de-fenders could come to no more than

their pair of aces. Sitting West at the other table was Richard Pavlicek of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Looking at two aces, it was overly optimistic to expect East to have the ace of diamonds, and certainly either declarer or dummy was going to turn up with a singleton diamond. Therefore, Pavlicek decided to look elsewhere for the

setting trick. The most likely chance, it seemed, was to find East with either Books have been written on the a singleton club, or a doubleton club subject of opening leads, but you with at least two hearts. So Pavlicek cannot lay down rules to cover all led the ace of clubs and another.

With such a huge fit for opener's trump lead and continuing with a suit, there was no way East's pre-third club. The whole defense, espeempt was going to keep South out of cially the choice of opening lead, the auction. If partner did not have was built around the fact that West







You will feel in high spirits and must beware of doing anything rash or silly. Do not allow your emotions to overtake the dictates of reason. Avoid acting from motives of jealousy or envy. Be helpful.



Something you have long been meaning to do should not be delayed any further. Do not just let things happen but do not try to change the inevitable. You should seck to use just the little more com-monsense. Be tokerant.



You will find it easier to do some thing that you had been having difficulties with. However do not rest ou your laurels, use them as a stepping stone to further progress. Have a good laugh at yourself and the situation you are in. Be prac-tical.



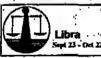
You must beware of spending more money than you can readily afford. Do not take too long to reply to a letter. Make sure you face up to reality and do not try to evade a promise you have made. Be con-siderate.



You should think less of yourself You should think less of yourself more of those close to you. And seek to avoid doing anything which you know would be on your conscience. Make sure you do not do anything that could be bad for your health. Be hopeful.



Not everything is to your liking, but you will be able to adapt. Your lucky numbers are 8 and 32. Do not just hope things will improve, try to-do something positive towards it. Do not degrade yourself by being jealous or malicious. Be confident.



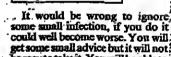
Make sure you are not late for an appointment let alone forgetting it altogether. You should try to remain strictly practical, not too much in the clouds. Have a little more faith in yourself. Be reasona-



You will be rather tempted to eat too many sweet things — desist. Now is a good time to make a few changes, but consider them carefully first. Show a little more goodwill towards others. Be alert.



Something you had thought would be easy will turn out not to be. Never mind, just persevere and all will be well in the end. Take a little more care of your personal appearance and hygine. Be gen-



could well become worse. You will get some small advice but it will not beeasy to take it. You will be able to consolidate a gain you have made recently. Be tactful.

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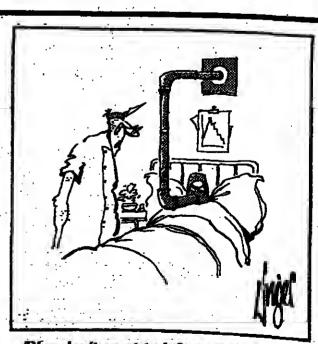
You are liable to lead a too. sedentary life, do try to take a little more gentle exercise and to spend some time in the open air. Make sure you avoid all exaggerations and distortions. Listen to what others have to say. Be credible.



Do not expect to have everything your own way but do not just let things happen either. Avoid being too critical nor take too much for granted. Concern yourself more with something that interests your partner. Be frugal.



"I think you ordered us a three-course meal from the wine list."



"You don't want to infect all the other patients, do you?"

Penny loves her pets —all 300 of them

By Claire Lockhart

KIND-HEARTED Penny Boyd shares her bome with 300 injured, distressed or just plain hopeless birds and animals. If a hedgehog catches pneumonia, 37-

year-old Penny takes it in and gives it a nice warm cardboard box and a large dose of tender, loving care. So far this year she has no less than 16 prickly cases in her overcrowded house.

Then there are the foxes and owls who have come off worse in close encounter with cars. Add to that homeless badgers, orphaned fox cubs and squirrels that don't feel very well.

And, just in case Penny becomes lonely. she has exotic pets like an artic fox and marmosets, wallabies and monkeys. She also finds room for her "other half",

When it comes to an animal in need, Penny just can't say "no". Neighbours beat a path to her door with everything from a raven with a hroken wing to a pet deer with anti-social habits.

Her house and garden at Burstow, Surrey, has become a wildlife sanctuary. And now, because of Penny's round-theelock mercy work, it is officially registered as a charity.

But still Penny's kind heart is costing a fortune and is putting her £9,000 in debt.
Thousands of birds and animals she has taken in over the last three years, keep eating and drinking gourmet-style. Then, to Penny's delight, they love and leave her. Most go back to the wild.

Blonde Penny who gave up her job as a riding instructress to help animals in dis-

tress, told me: "You've got to feed clean and care for all these animals. It just got to the stage where I wanted to take the animals in. But, financially, there was no way I could support it on my own. That's
why I formed the charity.
"Our main problem has been trying to
raise money. Roger has given me every

penny he can, but costs are now running at between about £100 and £400 a week. The average hedgehog probably costs me about £60 to get fit enough to go back to

Penny went on: "Because of the dry summer, the hedgehogs didn't get enough to eat, as worms stayed underground. So, instead of hibernating for the winter, they are wandering around in the cold looking for food. And that's how they catch

"While the hedgehogs are awake here, they are tucking into between a quarter and a half a tin of catlood a day. And that will go on until the spring. People don't understand how much I have to spend."

Penny invests most of her waking hours in beloing her stricken patients. She looked after 1,500 animals in the last eight months. She explained: "I'm not kidding when I say I work an 18-hour day. I flop into bed at one or two o'clock in the morning and get up at seven. I sometimes ask myself, "What am I doing this foo?"

What am I doing this for?"
"I didn't set out to run a sanctuary. It just snowballed. Neighbours would tell each other about the woman around the corner who would take in any injured animals — and the word spread

The busiest time for Penny's Burstow Wildlife Sanctuary is the spring. She



Penny cares for a sick fox who has just been brought to the sanctuary

Penny's love of animals began when she was a child living in Bangladesh. In summer, she is out in her van picking up injured animals and taking them home. All that the animals and birds need to get Penny's loving care is a desperate need for help.



recalled: "It was unreall We bad fox cubs, badger cubs, baby deer... everything. We physically hand-reared between 80 and 90 baby birds, and some of them were being fed every half hour.
. "Most of the animals were orphans.

There was just box after box after box of them. In the end, I was just a zombie.
The 17 orphaned baby foxees needed

feeding every three or four hours. So J'd give them a feed at one o'clock in the morning and then be up at five to give them the next one. There were boxes of fox cubs, bahy

badgers, baby squirrels, baby hedgehogs, baby birds... and I was just about cracking

During the summer, Penny was out in ber van almost every day picking up an injured animal and if needed, taking them to the vet's. Then on to home.

Penny has a particular weakness for ravens, crows and owls. At the moment she is nursing 48 owls, most of which have been hit by cars. She explaines: "Most of the hit by cars. She explaines: "Most of the injured owis and the foxes came in when the clocks went back for winter time. Their body clock hadn't changed and they came out at night at the same time as the rush bour traffic was at its peak. So we had a lot of noctural animals injured in road

Now Penny hopes to raise enough money for an animal ambulance. And she is already building a little hospital behind ber house.

Penny admits: "I'm worried that, the better known we become, the more animals we're going to have to deal with and the more money we're going to need. It is a vicious circle.

"I know I will never be able to sit back and look after every animal without worrying about the money. At presents, I lie awake at night thinking about what I owe. I need to know that I'm getting deeper into debt."

Even though Penny worries about money, she has never refused to take in an injured animal. These have included a deer and some particularly vicious stoats and

One of the tamest animals at the sanctuary is a fox which wags his tail when be ces her. Then he rolls on his back to have his tummy tickled.

And Penny believes that all the hard work and worry is well worthwhile. She told me: "Every day is totally different. Sometimes the phone never stops ringing.

The best part of the day is usually spent feeding and cleaning the animals. And if I get called out to pick up an animal, I'll be working until two in the morning. But

wouldn't do anything else in the world." And Penny's greatest joy is when she can release a patient, now fit and well, back into the wild. But there can be problems here, too, She explained; "If I take in an injured fox that's been hit hy a car, there's no problem. We can fix him up and then release him back in the same spot that we found him. Then he's back in the same territory and knowns exactly where he's

going.
"Where we do have problems, is when we have cubs. This year we have reared 17 young foxes.

"If they are orphans, they have no territory of their own. So you have to find out what the fox population is in the area, If you put one fox in another fox's territory, they're both at risk. For there isn't enough food to go round."

Penny has had the same problems with badger cubs. So she consults a badger protection group to find good places to release them. But all her patients can't be released. She explained: We've three badger cubs at the moment whose mother was killed on the road. I had to bottle feed them and became 'mum' to them. So now they're too tame to go back to the wild.

"But my whole aim is to get the injured animals back to the wild as soon as they are well. I do not like to see animals behind bars. I think what keeps me going is the enjoyment I get from letting an animal go

"There have been animals that I have loved. But I never regret putting them back into the wild. For this is where they should

Penny's love of animals began when she was a child living in Bangladesh, where her father was a tea-planter. She recalled: "If anybody found an injured bird or animal, I'd give them money to bring it to me.

"Once I reared a Indian parakeet, which had fallen out a tree. It didn't have a single feather. He stayed with me for about six months before flying off to join a flock of

"Then every night when that flock came back over our house he would come down on to my shoulder. The bird would stay with me for three ot four minutes before

flying off again."
Now Penny has birds by the dozen at her home. And animals as well. All they need toget her loving care is a desperate need for

Donations to: Burstow Wildlife Sauctuary, Old Orchard, Church Lane, Burstow, Surrey, England.

Gaelic loses to English onslaught

By Paul Majendie

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DUBLIN, (Reuter): Speaking Irish may be a potent symbol of nationalism in this flercely proud country but the language is dying on its feet, a languages professor argues in a blunt new epitaph for Gaelic.

Mass emigration from Gaelic-speaking districts, the onslaught of English from television, an end to isolated rural communities and the pull of the big city have all been nails in the coffin for Gaelic.

There is no room for honest doubt that the Irish language is now dying," argues Reg Hindley, a British University lecturer who is a leading expert on minority European languages.

The latest Irish census showed that one million

people professed to speak Irish—that is almost one in three members of the population who are all compulsorily taught Irish at school.

But after two years of research, Hindley argues in a new book "The Death of the Irish Language" that 8,000 would be a more realistic figure for the number any economic argument with Irish. A world of 320 million English speakers beckons out there." Hin-

dley notes. "Irish people adopted English and had their children taught it not because they liked it but because it

opened boundless opportunities to them. Even the remotest villages can now pick up large doses of Anglo-American culture from television. Hindley notes.

"As a killer of family conversation it is unprecedented. Grandparents' tales which used to entertain the children tend now to be an unwarran-

ted distraction from soap opera. "Television is everywhere reckoned the most potent current influence against Irish among the young. I have termed it the universal tranquilliser of pre-school infants for husy mothers and noted its

similar palliative effects on fractious teenagers. Hindley said many people had criticised trishlanguage programmes on the state-run Radio Telefis

Speaking Irish may be a symbol of nationalism but the language is dying on its feet. The latest Irish census shows that one million people profess to speak Irish — that is almost one in three of the population. A more realistic figure would be 8,000 says a new book "The Death of the Irish Language." More and more Irish people are turning to English language, which opens a door to untold treasures.

of people in the dwindling Gaeltachts (Gaelicspeaking districts) who really use it.

He argues "Irish as a living language will have expired once there are no longer mothers who speak it to their newborn infants because it comes naturally and unconsciously to their lips without measured thought or national sentiment."

Gaeltachts have been given special protection in Ireland since the 1920s after 700 years of often repressive colonial rule by Britain.

The state, eager to foster and encourage use of the language, gave them special grants and their and their own state-run radio. School ehildren visit in summer from outside the Gaeltachts to improve

The language is a requirement for those wanting to join the police force and for higher grade executive posts in the civil services.

Connemara in Western Ireland is perhaps the best known Gaeltacht but even there Hindley argues it is

The 1845-1849 potato famine killed one million people and sparked off mass emigration that halved the population of Ireland. Gaeltachts, the poorest and most isolated regions, were among the hardest

For those wanting to leave, speaking English was a passport to untold treasures. "English always wins Eireann (RTE) hroadcasting network as low-hudget

and highly localised.

RTE rejected those criticisms, with a spokesman arguing: "We spend around three million punts (4.5 million dollars] each year on Raidio na Goeltachtu. There are 400,000 people who regularly tune in to the news on the station and many watch Irish language programmes on RTE television.

Many companies who invested in the Gaeltachts have failed in the past and one old man told Hindley that the only husiness that could succeed in these pockets of mass emigration would be one making

But just how accurate is Hindley's gloomy epitaph? The Irish independent newspaper canvas-sed prominent Irish speakers to see what they thought. Many of his views were echoed.

Broadcaster Cynthia Ni Mhurchu argued: "As regards the decline in the number of I rish speakers in the Gaeltacht areas, I think this problem has to be attributed to the high emigration rates than a lack of interest in the language."

Parliamentarian Dinny McGinley agreed that a mass media onslaught was damaging the language hut added: "I would think it terrible that, while Eastern Europeans are striving to establish their Edentity at this time in history, we would casually forsake our rich idenuty.

Chronic fatigue syndrome

hard to diagnose and treat

At least two of the three physical signs must be

resent before the diagnosis of CFS can be made.

Despite previous theories, infection with the Epstein

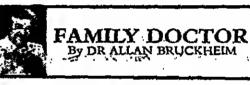
art virus does not seem to de associated with thi ailment. Recent studies seem to indicate that there

may be a connection between CFS and fibromyal-

gia, another condition that is difficult to diagnose

and treat. While blood tests may be performed,

they're more useful in finding other causes for the



QUESTION: I'm desperate for some easy-tounderstand information about my condition. I believe I have "Chronic Fatigue Syndrome," but an find little material that makes much sense to me. I don't want to go on this way, and find little help in what my own physician tells me. Will you please provide some answers? I know you will help many people if you do.

Answer: this syndrome is certainly one of the more perplexing situations that physicians have to deal with. It's called a syndrome because, as yet there are no identifiable causes, and therefore no specific

treatments available. The working definition shows our lack of precise knowledge about the ailment. Chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) is defined as fatigue that occurs fairly acutely, in otherwise healthy individuals, reduces their ability to carry on their normal routines hy

more than 50 per cent, and is of at least six months Before a physician can make this diagnosis, a large number of other possible causes must be ruled

out, including acute infections, inflammatory diseases, adverse drug reactions, and significant psychiatric disorders, particularly depression.

Patients can have a wide variety of symptoms, including headaches and sleep disturbances, confusion and loss of memory, irritability, difficulty with concentrating and performing mental tasks such as arithmetic. There can be a numbness and

tingling sensations, muscle weakness, muscle aches

and pains (myalgias) joint pains (arthralgias). In addition, a low-grade fever is present, along with a

sore throat and enlarged lymph glands in the neck

Treatment is pretty much a case of treating the symptoms, with anti-depressants used when depression is severe. The outlook is not promising either, since most patients do not return to their previous levels of energy, and must accept life at a reduced pace, unless a cause and cure can be discovered. Acrossmy desk: While we are fighting the problem

fatigue than for diagnosing CFS.

of AIDs, we may also be losing another war on the sexually transmitted disease battleground. A recent report from the Centres for Disease Control indicates that the numbers of cases of syphilis reported in 1988 reached a 40-year high. While the goal of seven cases of syphilis per 100,000 Americans had been established, the actual count was a whopping 16.2 per 100,000. And instead of a count of 1.5 cases of congenital syphilis per 100,000 hirths, the numbers reached 17.7 per 100,000 hirths. The fight against gonorrhea and pelvie inflammatory disease is making headway, hut perhaps the educational campaigns against chancroid, herpes and Aids, are making the message of syphilis less well understood. While many believe that effective education about these diseases, their transmission and dangers should be the main weapon for disease prevention, it seems as if the message is not getting through.

Cosmetic surgery

Cairo doctor makes life worth living for some

By Katia Sabet

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CAIRO (WNL): Despite the giant steps forward taken by modern medicine, the so-called miracles of plastic surgery remain a lottery as evidenced in recent court cases brought by several disfigured victims in the United States. Choosing a well-recognized plastic surgeon remains the key to success, but in countries like Egypt where plastic surgery is practiced only by qualified surgeons, consumers have some added protection.

In Cairo, one of the leading men in the field is Dr Mohammad Adly El Bechri, 56, whose long medical career has made him one of the country's foremost experts in cosmetics and reconstructive surgery. "While general surgery is often a life-saving measure, the surgery I prac-tice is usually something that has been voluntarily decided by the patient and is designed either to rebuild or improve things," he explained recently in his office. A consultant to several government and private hospitals in Cairo, he earned diplomas in Egypt, the United

States and England. Plastic surgery often is more than just luxury performed to satisfy a client's whim, he said. It stems from a deep psychological need: "I often see patients who are not satisfied by their appearance, Very often, these are perfec-

tly normal people, pleasant-looking even, hut who are deeply dissatisfied by one or several of their features: large mouth, prominent nose, breasts that are either too heavy or too small. Mostly these people have come to feel that for some reason their external appearance no longer coincides with their personality and they hate the image they see in

Dr El Bechri also points to cases of clients who seek to change their appearance for professional reasons:
These are people who are involved in public life and whose appearance is crucial, almost an instrument of work. Not all our clients, therefore, are mature women who want to erase the traces of time. Quite often these are young women and men who are turning to cosmetic surgery in increasing numbers because they realize that a young, dynamic look is an asset."

Patients are dependent on the surgeon's sense of proportion and symmetry and on his capacity to envision results before the work is done. Noted Dr El Bechri: "In plastic surgery, we are dealing with people who are perfectly healthy and we must therefore guarantee a high level of success. This is not always easy. A human being is like a closed box, and despite extensive preliminary examinations, one never knows what one is going to find once the surgeon's knife is at work and opens the box." According to Dr El Bechri, the surgeon must be in a position to guarantee his patient at least an 80 per cent chance of success, if only to justify

the cost of the operation.

Consumers should beware that high fees don't necessarily mean expertise.

Despite his reputation, El Bechri charges relatively low fees - a face-lift typically costs between \$1,000 and \$2,000, as does an operation to remove excess fat from the stomach --- while other Egyptian surgeons charge as much as \$5,000 for similar operations.

Dr El Bechri likes to stress that the

relationship between the surgeon and his patient must be based on trust, which sometimes means that he is forced to turn a patient away. "In some cases, the very nature of the skin prohibits intervention, and in others, the muscles would not be able to withstand any extra tension," he said, also warning that post-operative care is crucial to avoid complications and to ensure success. For example, incisions can become infected if they are not properly cared for and can leave unsighily scars that ruin the surgeon's work.

Perhaps more significant than bis work as a plastic surgeon is Dr El Bechri, who is a member of several top international professional bodies. Healso teaches plastic surgery at the Military

Academy of Medicine and is married to Dr Alia Nassar, a professor of anatomy at the Ain Chams University. They have two children, both involved in medicine.

Deeply interested in research, Dr El Bechri noted that both eosmetic and reconstructive surgery are dependent on science and new technologies. Progress in the field has been spectacular, he udded. "Science has moved ahead so fast that in a matter of years, if not months, we may be able to have an unlimited supply of a patient's skin." Referring to ongoing research into methods of growing pieces of skin in a nutritious solution from a small piece taken from the patient, he explained that this type of skin graft would be more successful because the patient's body would not reject its own skin. This holds potentially vast promise, especially for victims of severe hurns. Equally promising is research into nilar techniques to grow bone matter and cartilage.

"One of the most important advances of recent years concerns methods of expanding the skin," Dr El Bechri added: The surgeon inserts a small bag under the skin which is gradually filled with a saline solution. When the skin has stretched into the required shape, the bag is

Scientific research has also led to considerable improvement in the technique

known as liposuction, which consists in draining excess fat from various parts of the body. Although widely used in recent years, the method often left unattractive folds of excess skin. According to Dr El Bechri, such after-effects are now minimized by draining the fat from several points in a "criss-cross" pattern. "With this method, and a strict control of the amount of fat removed, we can avoid most problems," be said.

Quite apart from appearance, excess

area or armpits.

body far can be a threat to a patient's general health, he stressed. One of the most common operations performed on both men and women in Egypt involves removing excess fat from the stomach area. "Sometimes it is no longer a question of esthetics but a vital necessity. When I remove kilos and kilos of fat, it's beneficial to the heart and other organs. This is a major operation... and results are often spectacular, both in physical

and in psychological terms," be noted.

It appears that the operation itself often triggers further slimming. "Weight loss occurs not only in the area where the fat was removed hut in the whole body," the doctor explained. "It takes between four to six months for the result to show,

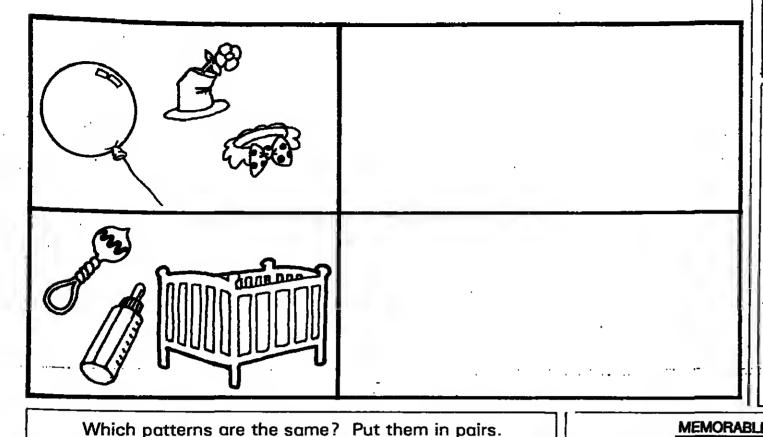
but it is stable and gratifying." On the rise is demand for bone transplants, often used to rejuvenate a tired



Widely recognised as an expert in cosmetic surgery. Or Mohammed Adly El Mechri works at improving his patients life.

Who do they belong to?

Look at the three objects on the left. Then draw a picture on the right that shows who may own the objects.



Dear Junior Readers,

tf you take a ride around the streets of Kuwait, you will not be able to miss the many tents which have been out up for the upcoming elections. Do you know how the original tents were made.

The tents which are usually about 10 metres long and 4 metres wide. These tents consist of several strips of cloth sewn together which can be added to or reduced according to the needs of the

family. The tent is pitched on three parallel lines of poles. Usually, one side is left open and it is always anchored firmly enough with tout ropes to stand up to the fiercest

The material for the tent is thick and hard-wearing. It is woven by the women on rough looms from goat and carnel hair.

Inside the tent the women's compartment is often divided off by a shoulderhigh screen. The side nearer the entrance

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is reserved for the men and for receiving guests. The part occupied by the head of the family has a fire place and everything necessary for the ceremony of making and drinking coffee.

The furniture consists of cushions, rugs and leather pouries. The most important item is a copper tray on a folding wooden table which is sometimes elaborately carved and decorated with iniaid ivory.

Your work!

Xmas Day

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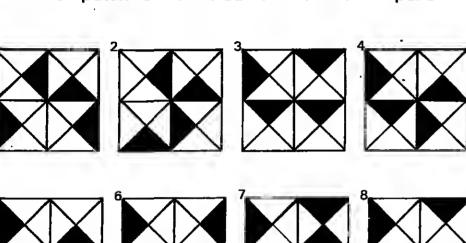
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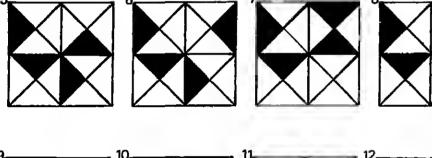
At a party the old lady was bemoaning the behaviour of the youth of today. Look at the girl over there, she complained. I don't know what young girls are coming to! She's wearing boy's jeans, a boy's shirt, and that haircut is so boyish — you wouldn't know she was a

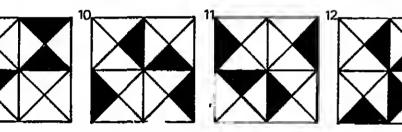
girl at all, would you?" Well, as it happens, I would, came the reply. because she is my daugh-

'Oh dear,' said the old lady embarrassed, 'I'm so sorry — I didn't know you were her father.' 'I'm not. I'm her

mother.

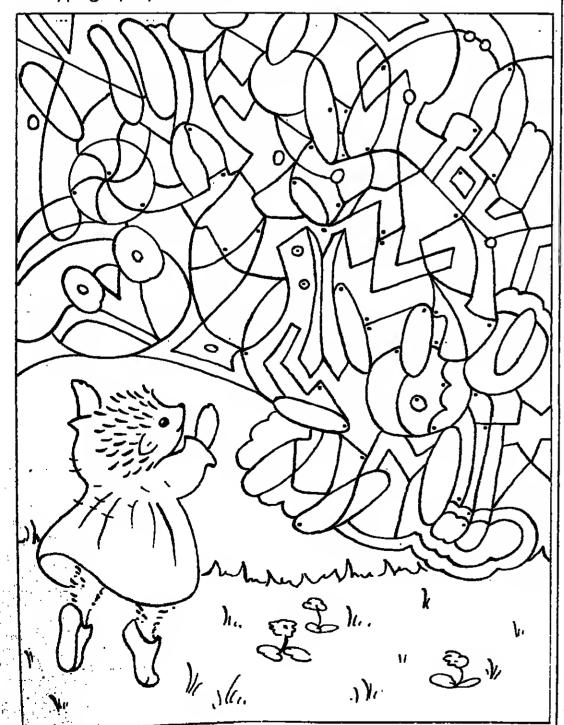




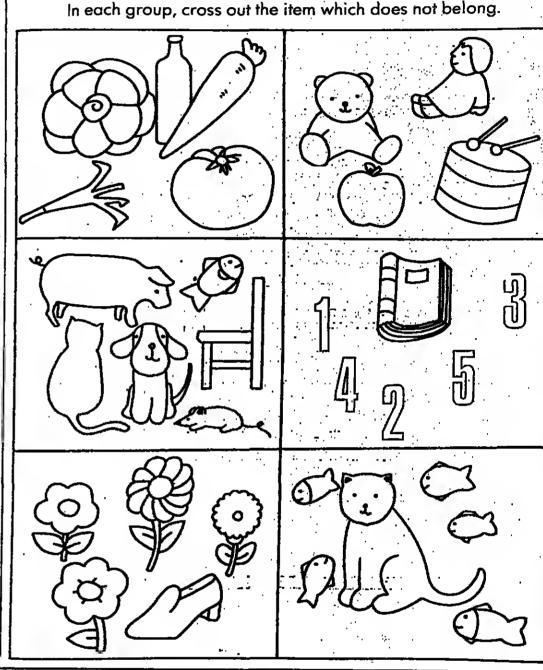


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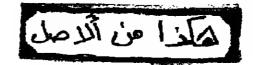
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Dance: a universal experience

WHENEVER we hear music with a strong rhythm, we seem to have a natural urge to tap our feet or move our bodies in turn with it. This feeling is really a desire to dence, and people throughout the ages have experienced it. People everywhere dance, and every country has developed its own special kinds of dancing. Traditional folk dances, based on events in everyday life, such as harvesting or falling in love, are found in every country.

Watching ather people dance is also enjoya-ble, and dancing has been a popular form of entertainment for centuries Just as Salome entertained King Herod in Palestine with her dance of the seven veils, so do modern ballet companies or dancers in stage musicals provide enjoyment for theatre audiences today.

But people dance not only for enjoyment or to entertain others. Members of simple tribal communities in Africa and elsewhere believed communities in Africa and elsewhere believed that dancing has a magical power. They danced to please their gods or ancestor spirits in order to ensure good hunting, abundant crops, or

ample rain.

Throughout history, dancing has been used to tell stories. Traditional Indian Mampuri and

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Kathak dances, European ballet and Com-munist Chinese ballet, with its strong political leasons, are examples. People in uncent times danced to express their feelings or to please their gods or their rulers. The ancient Grocks considered dancing a great art, essential for obvious health.

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In Europe, ordinary people continued to dance their tradinousl dances throughout the Middle Ages, in the houses of the nobles, more stately kinds of dance developed, such as the patter and later the minure. Comody-ballets performed as part of the entertainment at the court of King Louis XIV of France were the origin of modern ballet. A wide variety of dances became popular among ordinary poople from the 1700s, including the polks, waltz, and many others. Some were brief fashious, such as the Cakewalk and Black Bottom. Young people dancing today have re-discovered the basic purpose of dancing to express joy simply by moving their bodies as they feel, in time to the music.

Famous People in Dancing Astros, Sir Frostrick (William Mallandaine) (born 1906), a chorcographer, was born in

Ecuador. He was both a dancer and a choreographer with Ballet Club (later Ballet Rambert) and the Vic-Wells company (later the Royal Ballet), and later a director of the Royal Ballet. The many ballets he created include Cinderella, La Fille Mai Gardee, Les Rattmere and & Manth in the Country. His Pattnews, and A Month in the Country. His ballets are noted for their classical, lyrical beauty.

Astaire, Fred (Frederick Austerlitz) (born 1899). American dancer and actor, began his career dancing in vaudeville and musicals with his sister Adele. He then made many films, the has sister Aderic. The their made many thins, the most successful including Flying Down to Rio. Top Hat, and Follow the Fleet, in which he partnered Ginger Rogers. In later years he played non-dancing roles in films.

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De Valeis, Dasse Nisette (Edris Stannus) (born 1898), born in Ireland, was first n dancer in Diaghiles's Ballets Russes. In 1931, she created the Vic-Wells company (later the Royal Ballet) and directed it until 1963. The many ballets she choreographed include Checkmate, Job, and The Ruke's Progress.

Diaghiles, Sergel (1872-1929), a great Russian impresario, created the famous Ballets Russes

company that toured Europe and North and South America between 1909 and 1929. His company amazed audiences everywhere with its superb dancers, such as Nijinsky, its brilliant choreography, bright sets, and exciting music.

Duncan, Isadora (1878-1927), influential American dancer, created an individual style of dancing based on simple, natural, and graceful movement, such as walking and running. She danced barefoot, dressed in simple lunics and long fluening scatters on a stage mathematical and long fluening scatters on the long fluening fluening scatters on the long fluening f long, flowing scarves, on a stage without any

Fokine, Michel (1880-1942), Russan-born dancer and choreographer, helped to create a more natural style of ballet. He choreographed over 6th ballets, most of them for Diaghiler's company. His best-known include The Firebard, Le Spectre de la Rose, Les Sylphides, and Petroucikka.

Fontrya, Dame Margo (Margaret Hookham) (born 1919), an English ballerina, joined the Vic-Wells Ballet (now the Royal Ballet) in 1934 and became its leading ballerina. She also danord as a guest artist with many other inter-national companies. One of her most famous

roles is Aurora in The Sleeping Beauty. Helpmann, Sir Robert (horn 1909), an Australian choreographer and actor, became a dancer in the Vic-Wells Ballet (now the Royal Ballet) in 1935 and has appeared with it ever since. He aiso acted in plays and films, such as The Red Shoes. The many ballets he choreographic the Red Shoes. The many ballets he choreographic the Red Shoes. phed include Hamlet, Muracle in the Gurhals, The Display, and Yugen. He was also a director of the Australian Ballet.

Kelly, Gene Iborn 1912), American dancer. Kelly, Gene Iborn 1912), American dancer, choreographer, actor, and director, danced and acted in many stage and film musicals, such as For Me and Mo Gal: choreographed and appeared in others, such as An American in Paris, and directed and danced in still others, including Sungm' in the Rain. He has also acted non-dancing roles in many other films. Nifimity, Vankry 1890-1950), born in Russia, is regarded by many as the world's greatest ever ballet dancer. He was noted for his high leaps and brilliant entrechats. He joined Diaghiley's ballets Russes in 1909, and became famous for his roles in such ballets as Petrouchka. He also created several ballets, including The Afternoon of a Faun and The Rite of Spring. He later became mentally ill.

Nureyev, Rudolf (born 1938), a Russian ballet dincer, chareographer, and producer, began his career in the Kirov Ballet in 1958. When on low with the common tallet in 1958. dincer, chareographer, and producer, began his career in the Kirov Ballet in 1958. When on tour with the company in Paris in 1961, he ran away. He then danced with various companies in the West, and formed a lung partnership with Margot Fonteyn in the Royal Ballet. He is greatly admited for his technical skill and intense acting ability. He has also choreographed and produced ballets for many leading companies throughout the world.

Pavlova. Anna (1881-1931). a Russian ballerina who settled in England, was prima ballerina in the Imperial Russian Ballet from 1906 to 1913. She also danced abroad and appeared with Diaghiles's company. In 1914, she formed her own company and toured the world with her repettoire of classics. She was noted for her graceful movement and her souring leaps. Her most famous roles were in The Swam and The Autumn Barchanale.

Ulanova, Galina (born 1910), one of Russia's greatest balletinas, danced in the Kirov Ballet from 1928 to 1944 and the Bolshoi Ballet until 1962. A fine actress as well as a superb dancer, she gave memorable performances in such ballets as Romeo and Juliet and Giselle.

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Far left: Tribal dancing in southern Africa. Dancing is an important part of tribal life. There are special ceremonial dances for bringing victory or rain, or for warding off evil spirits. Births, marriages, and initiation ceremonies are also celebrated by special dances. And even as primitive peoples become more integrated into the modern world, they still retain much of their traditional dance.

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Left: The legendary Nijinsky in Le Spectre de la Rose (1911).

Above: A pas de deux.

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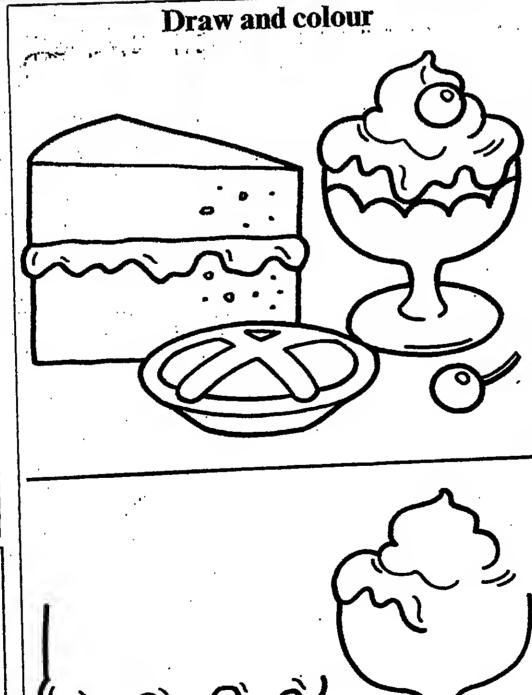
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Indian director comes a step closer to goal

INDIAN film director Mooen Amjad believed he had reached his goal by launching his first movie Mil Gnyee Manzil Mujhe. After filming a best part of the film, and spending more than Rs. 120,000, the leading lady Parveen Babi "vanished."

Bahi, who had schizo-phrenia, did not return. Amjad's film lay in the cans. But his determination did not die. He restarted the movie with another heroine. Moon Moon Sen, and the film was released last year. Mithun Chakrabor-thy played the male lead. For Amjad, it was one step ahead for going solo.

Amjad, who went solo in recent years, is no newcomer in the show bizworld. He has been in the glamour biz for two decades, learning the technicalities of filmmaking from such names as Kamal Amrohi and Nasir Hussain, Influenced by his mentor Hussain, Amjad has a weakness for "romantic

. The young director has two amhitious ventures in the pipeline. Currently he is on a private visit to Kuwait to seek backers for his films.

Working as an assistant director with Nasir Hussain, Amjad was involved in every aspect of film making. "My association with them gave me the experience, and confidence, to become a fully-fledged director," he said in an interview. He was associated with such suc-cessful films as Yaadon ki Baraat, Teesri Manzil, Hum Kissi Se Kum Nahin, and oth-

Like most filmmakers and directors, Amjad feels strongly about the advent of video and what it has done to the practice of seeing movies in theatres. "There is no rapport; the

in the story as they could when the lights dimmed in the cinema," he said. And adds confidently: "People will go back to the cinema.

The cost of filmmaking has skyrocketed, particularly the price of raw film. And due to the onslaught of video, filmmakers are feeling the pinch. But he decries industry pundits claims of the Bombay film industry's imminent collapse.

"We are going through a crisis; but we are a resilient lot and we will survive," he said. Amjad has survived the ups and downs of filmmaking but the show goes on for the direc-tor, he is bent on proving his mettle. Did Amjad find the for-mula for success?

"If there was a success for-mula, we'd all be making hits; there's no hard and fast rule; sometimes people praise a film like Muine Pyar Kijn, and film with a star-cast like Gangn Jamuna Saraswaii bombs.'

But why do people make films like Gangn...?
"Filmmakers are wary of experimenting; they don't want to take risks, mainly because if they did the financier would back out, the distributor won't huy the film and if the filmmaker finds the money to make a different kind of film, it will lie

in the cans," he explained. So, filmmakers use gimmicks like a mixture of songs, dances, romance, action and vendetta. Amjad claims he wants to be different.

The two projects Amjad has in mind deal with sentimental and emotional subjects. "They will be small budget films with fresh faces," he said. And if the going is good, they'll be released soon.

Some of the children who exhibited their paintings and sketches.

Dr Omar presents a prize to one of the winners. Amal Al Ghanim of the

NCCAL is also seen.



Moeen Amjad and Mrs Amjad with Mithun (right) on the sets of his first film, Mil Gayee Manzi



Amjad directing Moon Moon Sen

The winners of the Arab Children's Drawing competition received their prizes at a colourful ceremony held at the Dahiyat Abdullah Al Salem Gallery. Sixty-nine Arab children participated in the exhibition.

attended by the ambassadors of several Gulf and Arab



Banrain's Ambassador to Kuwait Essa M. Al Jamea received the prizes on penalf of Bahraini children who won in the competition. Above: Al Jamea receiving the prize from Dr Omar.

Arab children awarded

Director of the National Council of Art, Culture and Letters Dr Farouk Al Omar said he was impressed by the range of subjects chosen by the children. He said: "Each drawing expressed love, innocence and honesty."

The prizes distribution took place at a ceremony



TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.30 Holy Quran 40 Good Morning
- 9.50 Kaola: cartoons 10.10 News Summary
- 10.15 World News via Satellite (repeat) 10.30 Wajhat Nazar. Arabic
- serial; part 5 11.25 Good Morning:
- variety 12.00 Archive Zaman:
- documentary 12.30 News summary 12.35 Closedown
- Evening
- 4.00 Holy Quran 4.15 World News via Satellite 4.30 Sally: cartoon serial
- 5.00 Tomorrow's World: documentary 6.00 Ayyam Al Ramad: Arabic serial; ep. 13
- 7.00 Songs 7.25 "Haroon": cultural
- programme 8.15 Songs 8.30 Good
- Evening: magazine show 9.00 News in Arabic 9.45 Muzzakarat Zawj: Arabic serial
- 10.30 Al Naar Wal Firqah: Arabic Serial, featuring Talhat Hamdi Samir Sami, Abdul Hadi Al Sabagh
- 12.15 News Summary 12.20 World News via
- Satellite 12.35 Holy Quran/Close-

KTV2

Mouse Cluh: A variety



show for young viewers from Disney. Quran and Science: Various aspects of science and their reference in the Quran are examined in this

programme.
7.30 Kate and Allie: on the sets. Comedy.

8.00 News in English 8.30 You and the Law: Prepared by the Ministry of Interior; presented by Alr Noor. Focus

on local laws. 8.50 Bordertown: "Slave". This serial continues with the story of 'a small town. Tonight, a businessman visits a

slave farm. Horizon: "Catch A Falling Star". A Survey of astronomy in Cambridge, Oxford

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Starring: Aditya Pancholi, Sangeeta Bijlani

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Commando (Hindi)

Europe. Documentary 10.00 Murphy Brown: "Soul

Man". Murphy plans to visit a male-only cluh Comedy. 10.30 Wolf: Tony's friend has been murdered and the former policeman is charged with the crime: Is he

innocent. Action.

11.30 News in Brief 11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Sports Channel *

4.55 Handball match: local, live hroadcast.

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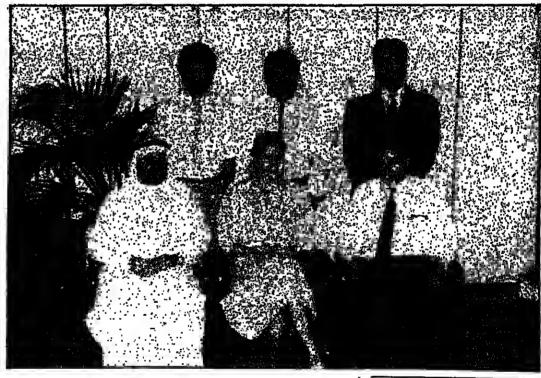
Hanafi Al Ubbahah (Arabic) Starring: Adel Imam. Huda Ramzi, Farouk Fishawi Al Salmiya

Al Ragassah Wal Siyasi (Arabic) Starring: Nahila Obaid, Salah Qahil Al Hamra

Hanafi Al Ubbahah (Arabic) Mob Busters

Al Jahra Bara Bhai (Bengali) Granada Carnival (Malayalam) Solaibikhat Eat The Rich Al Jiceb Takkar (Bengali) Ahmadi Drive-In Al Raqassah Wal Siyasi

(Arabic)



The 'Team of five' all set to go to the AlphaGraphics Printshop of tha Future headquartered in Tucson, Arizona, USA. Thateam will attend an intensive two month practical training programma which will prepare them to open the Middla East'a first alectronic graphic printshop in Bahrain. Above: (Standing): Maitham Ali Salman, (centre) Arthur D'Souza, Mohammed Abdul Kader Ahmed. (Sitting), Right: Hadi Al Alawi, Cynthia Herbert, Hussain Al Alawi.

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WHAT'S ON

Arts

Iraqi diplomat Hamed Al Multa.

Bnushahrl Gallery A MONTH-LONG exhibition of paintings by eight Arah artists is now being held at the Boushahri Gallery, North Sal-miya Bidg, Salem Al Mubarak St. The works of such artists as Jaafar Islah, Jafar Kaki, Rashed Diyah, Dia Al Azzawi and Saleh Jamae'ei are on show. Open daily from 9 am to 12.30 pm: 4 to 7.30 pm; until

Theatre

IAC One-Act Play Contest

May 30: Madhu and Friends resen! Krithuve Nanni; Maiayalam: Stage Index per-Shanti Parvam. Malavaiam.

May 31: Bengali Cultural Society's Maarich Songhaad: Bengali: IAC badminton team perform Chanteeran and His Clan: Malayalam. Natya Bharati present Kn/an (Shroud); Hindi.

June 1: Award Nite and Entertainment Show, followed by dinner at 7 pm.

Funaitees: 7.30 pm. For details call 3904817. Entry passes for all performances, including Award Nite are available from

All performances at IAC.

Social

PAC membership THE Pakistan Arts Circle (veterans) have launched a membership campaign. All Pakistanis are welcome. Membership forms available from PAC. For details contact A S Qureshi (5716388); A S Ghazali (5631815); N Khan (4843578); Z Buti (2414570).

June 4: LIL will hold Latino programme: Regency Palace Hotel; 8 pm sharp; doors open: 6 pm, close: 7.45 pm. No one will be allowed to enter after programme begins. Door charge. Extravagaranza features performers from Columbia, Bolivia, Argentina and other Latin countries.

Kuwait Players AGM

JUNE 4: Kuwait Players annual general meeting; 8 pm, Al Foz, Messilah Beach Hotel.

At Al Salam

Al Bandar Coffee Shop: Arabic and Continental huffets, lunch and dinner; also a la carte; open 6 am 10 midnight. Al Mawardy Open-Air Cafa:

open from 6 pm to midnight. Al Gandoul Grill Garden: open after 6 pm; grilled food. Friday brunch: 12 noon to 3 pm, ship discovery tour, enter-

tainment for children and cartoon-strip characters. At the Meridien

La Brasserie Restaurant Wednesday: Indonesian Corner, cuisine prepared in front of

Thursday: Jazz Night — jazz music, scafood specialities.

Friday: Oriental luncheon huffer; family day. Versailles: Business lunch and dinner featuring fondue; grilled food.

French food promotion: until May 31, specialities from Provence, south of France, will be featured in the Versailles Restaurant.

At the Holiday Inn Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop: break-

fast, lunch and dinner huffets Continental and Oriental

Al Andalua Supper Club: Arabic Nite, every Thursday; Arabic band entertains guests. Friday Family Lunch: Disney fantasy on Fridays.

At the SAS Bistretto: Sunday/Wednesday

— pasta night; Italian music. Peacock Room: Chinese cuisine; lunch and dinner. Al Boom: Kuwaiti experience:

charcoal grilled food, plus mezzeh buffet. Clock: snack bar - burgers,

french fries, etc. At the Messilah Beach

Al Mubarakiyah: open Around the clock; seafood promotion on Wednesdays, 7 pm; Fridays — Middle Eastern cuisine.

Al Jawharah: Thursday special - special menu; music by Rainbow Band. Al Berdowneh: BBQ on Thursday in beach-garden res-

At the Plaza:

Al Dallah Coffee Shop: international cuisine, open buffet plus menu.

taurant: Lebanese food.

Lolouwah Corner: snacks and refreshing summer drinks.

Marco Polo: Italian
amhience and cuisine, particularly pasta.

Approb Essay Competition THE Association of Pakistani Professionals and Businessmen Professionals and Businessmen holds an essay competition. Essays on "My Role in Building a Better Pakistan" can be submitted by Pakistani students. Open to juniors (12-14); seniors (15-18). Essays of hetween 1 000 and 1 500 profes between 1,000 and 1,500 words can be written in English and

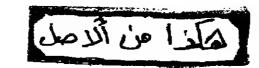
Urdu. Send essays to Approb, P.O. Box 2351, Salmiya, 22024, Kuwait Last date for entries: May 31. For details contact 2425315.

Summer Rock Concert June 4/5/6: High Spirits and Seventh Sky rock concert;

music from Police, Dire Straits, Bon Jovi, Guns 'n' Roses etc. For reservations call 5387998/ 2563395 after 5 pm.



Kinvait's Foreign Ministry hosted a reception to say goodbye to outgoing Indonesian Ambassador Kiwali's Foreign military in the say goodbye to outgoing Indonesian Ambassador Namaluddin Joeda, who is leaving Kuwait shortly. Picture shows Joeda (right) receiving some of the plantaluddin Joeda, who attended the larewell reception



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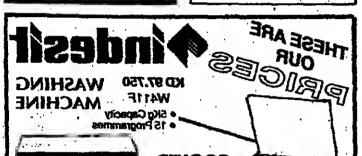
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Gonzales

stable after

being shot

HOUSTON, Texas, May 28,

AP): David Gonzales of

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Council's sixth-ranked light-

veight, was in stable condi-

tion yesterday after being

shot in the back outside a

Gonzales, whose record is

23-1-1, was to fight Darryl

11 for the North American

Boxiog Federation championship. Tysoo is ranked fourth in the world by the

Police said Gonzales and

an unidentified man fled after

a companion, Miguel Angel

Martinez, 25, was shot and

killed outside the lounge

about 1:30 am Saturday (0530

GMT). Gonzales was shot in

the back and the other man

was shot at, but oot injured,

Taub Hospital following the

shooting.

The three apparently had

walked to the parking lot in

back of the club, where two

men confronted them, police

said. Ooe placed a small handgun on Martinez's chest

and fired. Then the two left in

Police said a pool game a

week ago between some of the

men at the same lounge trig-gered the dispute. Police said

Martinez was oot at the pool

In 1988, lightweight Rico Velasquez died after being stopped in the eighth round of

a fight for the California light-

weight title against Gonzales, who then lived in San Jose.

Velasquez never regained

consciousness after being

knocked out in the eighth

a small white Ford.

Gonzales was taken to Ben

officials said.

World Boxing Council.

yson of Fort Worth on June

lounge, authorities said.

Braves outclass **Phillies**

PHILADELPHIA, May 28, (AP): John Smoltz was two outs away from Atlaota's first no-hitter in 17 years when Len Dykstra

One out later, Von Hayes singled to right to spoil the shutout hid. Smoltz got Rod Booker on a grounder to short to end the game and finished with a two-

Smoltz entered the game hav-ing allowed 49 hits and 31 runs in 46 innings for a 5.48 earned-run

Pirates 5, Glants 2

Andy Van Slyke went 3-for-4 and hit a solo homer in the seventh inning for Pittshurgh's fourth run as former Pirate Rick Reuschel (2-6) remained winless against Pittshurgh since August

The Pirates, who won twice in the three-game series after losing eight of their previous 10, are 5-1 against the Giants this season. Padres 8, Mets 4

hrawl-marred victory over New

Ed Whitsoo (4-3) worked ing up six hits and two runs.

the field. Elster was ejected.

Andres Galarraga and Tim Raines homered as Montreal rallied to beat Cincinnati. The Reds, who blew a 3-0 lead, were attemptiog to sweep a four-game series in Montreal for the first time sioce the Expos entered the

The game was only the second in 25 this season that the Reds have lost after scoriog first.

Galarraga's homer, his fourth, came against Tim Birtsas (1-2) io the fifth inning and broke a 3-3 tie after Birtsas had bailed Reds starter Jose Rijo out of bases-

Chicago Oakland California

New York

doubled to right field as the Braves beat the Philadelphia Phillies 6-1 in an National League basehall game yesterday. After Ricky Jordan struck out leading off the ninth, Dykstra ripped a 1-0 pitch down the line. One out later Von Haves singled

The last Atlanta pitcher to toss a no-hitter was Phil Niekro nn Ang 5, 1973 against San Diego. Don Slaught and Barry Bonds

homered in Pittshurgh's threerun fifth inning, and Neal Heaton improved to 8-1 as the Pirates beat San Francisco.

Joe Carter ended a slump with a homer and four RBIs and Phil Stephenson hit a three-run triple in San Diego's six-run eighth inning, boosting the Padres to a

Carter, who entered the game with only one hit in his previous 19 at-bats, also had two singles as the Padres dropped Dwight Gooden to 3-4.

seven innings for San Diego, giv-In the bottom of the eighth,

Padres reliever Greg Harris bit Kevin Elster in the back with a pitch, touching off a bench-clear-ing brawl. Elster charged the mound as the beoches and hullpens of both teams emptied onto Expos 5, Reds 3

League in 1969.

world this season at Battersea Park yesterday. wealth Games champion, having his first race as a fullloaded jam in the fourth. time athletes after giving up his part-time job in a steel works, outpaced a quality field to clock 3 minutes 51.80

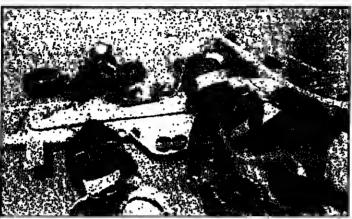
Standings Cleveland Texas Scattle

Rahal second, Fittipaldi third

Luyendyk wins Indy 500



Arie Luyendyk drinks the traditional bottle of milk after his victory.



Fintand's Tero Palmrolh sits in his car as he makes a pit stop during the Indy 500. (Reuter wirephoto)

Britain's 1,500 metres Olym-

pic silver Medallist Peter Elliott maintained his impres-

sive early-season form by run-

ning the fastest one mile in the

Seven other men broke the

four-mioute harrier in the first of this year's General

Portfolio Grand Prix Series.

hut it was Elliott who stole the

show and fired a warning tn

the rest of the world's top

He followed up a fast 800

metres win in Santander,

Spain, and a Yorkshire

middle distance runners.

seconds.

(UPI): Dutchmao Arie Luvendyk won the 74th running of the Indianapolis 500 yesterday, heating 1986 winner Bohhy Rahal to the finish line in the fastest Indy 500 ever.

Driving a Lola-Chevrolet, Luyendyk's average speed of 185.984 mph (299.312 kph) topped Rahal's 1986 reenrd nf 170.722 mph (274.750 kph) and made Luyendyk the first driver io earn his first Indy car win at Indianapolis since Graham Hill in 1962. He completed the 200-lap race in 2 hours 41 minutes and 18.248 seconds.

Rahat finished second, 10.7 secoods behiod in a Lola-Chevrolet, followed by defending champion and polesitter Emerson Fittipaldi in a Penske-Chevrolet. In fourth place, one lap down was Al Unser Jr in a Lota-Chevrnlet, followed hy three-time winner Rick Mears, four-time champ A.J. Foyt, Scott Brayton, rookie Eddie Cheever, Kevin Cogan and rookie Scott Goodyear.

The best previous finish for Luyendyk, racing in the 76th Indy car race of his career, was a second in 1983 at Portland, and his best previous finish at Indianapolis came in his rookie year of 985 when he finished seventh.

Luyendyk, 36, who started on the outside of the front row, ran with the leaders all day and moved into first place when he passed Rahal low in turn three with 32 laps remaining with Rahal in the pits. Loyendyk made a pit stop five laps later and kept his lead. He had led

previously on laps 93 and 94. With 50 miles (80.46 km). Luyendyk heid a 1.1 second lead over Rahal and increased the margin to 4.5 seconds in the next three laps. With 12 laps to go, his lead was 8.5 seconds and with 25 miles (40.23 km) left he pushed the advantage to 11 secoods.

At that point, the only suspense was whether Luyendyk would make it to the finish without re-fuelling, but he made it easily.

Luyendyk's purse will not be announced until this evening. Fittipaldi, who won last year, earned more than \$1 million. For most of the race, it looked like Fittipaldi, whn qualified at a

kph), would defend his title.

At the halfway point of the race. Fittipaldi was more than 15 seconds ahead of Unser Jr and Rahal, with Luyeodyk running fourth. Unser Jr slowed shortly after that, falling a lap behind when he went into the pits on lap

After a series of pit stops allowed Rahal and Luyendyk to lead briefly, Fittipaldi took the lead back on lap 123 and had a comfortable lead on Rahal and Luyendyk. Unser Jr was in fourth place hut back on the lead

Track conditions were taking a toll oo tyres, with many drivers, including Fittipaldi, experiencing hlisters on their right rear tyres. Fittipaldi stopped fir fuel and tyres on lap 135, giving the lead to Rahal.

A spin hy John Andretti on lap 140 hrought on a caudon period that allowed Rahal to pit and hold the lead. Luyendyk was second, Fittipaldi third and Unser Jr fourth, the only cars oo

the lead lap.

Rahal led when the caution period ended on lap 145. Last year's runner-up, Unser Jr, who had been plagued hy earlier problems, began to move on the leader. Fittipaldi fell behind on an unscheduled pit stop on lap 153 because of tyre problems, and Rahal passed him to leave just three cars on the lead lap: Rahal, Luyendyk and Uoser Jr.

Unser Jr's pit stop oo lap 158 left Rahal and Luyendyk alooe on the lead lap and the Dutchman, hidding for his first-ever Indy car victory, started to reel in the two-time Indy car champion. At that point, Luyendyk tur-ned in a 222-mph (357.274-kph)

lap, while Rahal was running in the 217 mph (349.227 kph) range. The move Luyendyk made to get around Rahal was a smooth, clean ooe.

Danny Sullivan hit the wall on lap 20 to draw the day's first yellow flag. Sullivan, the 1985 winner, had a wheel bearing explode on the right rear wheel, spun and hit the wall between turns one and two. The Roger Penske driver was taken to Methodist Hospital for tests and



Strijbos in hospital with concussion

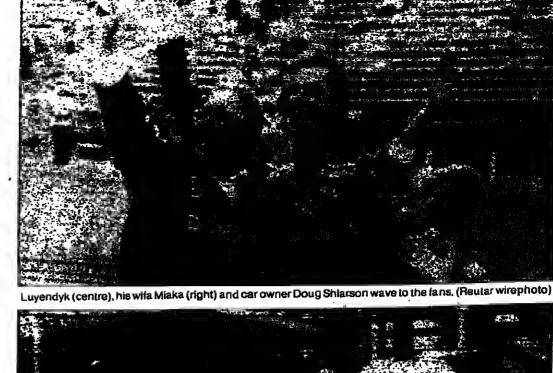
DALECIN, Czechoslovakia, (Reuter): Dutchman Dave Striibos was taken to hospital suffering hrain concussion and broken ribs after crashing during the Czechoslovak 2500cc Motorcross Grand Prix yesterday, the Ceteka news agency reported. Strijbos, who was unconscious

for some time after his fall in which oo other rider was involved, was taken hy ambulance to a hospital in Nove Mesto Na Morave. The incident happened after

four laps of the second race, which was abandoned. International Motorcycling Federation rules do not allow a restart after the completion of one lap, and no points were awarded. Defeat

Strijbos, on a Kawasaki, had won the first race to inflict only the second defeat of the year on runaway championship leader Alessandro Puzar of Italy, who leads the second-placed Dutehman by 67 points.

lajuries also hit other championship cootenders, including Italian Michele Fanton, fourth in the standings, who did not take part in the secood race due to an eye injury.



Sherbo takes 3 golds

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, May 28, (Reuter): Soviet newcomer Vitaly Sherbo claimed three gold medals on the final day of the European Gymnastics Championships yesterday, cheekily upstaging the overall victory of compatriot Valentin Mogilny.

Competing in his first European Championships, 18-year-old Sherbo easily clinched the vault, where he had led after Saturday's

overall event, and came from behind to win the high bar and floor

But Mogilny, who won the overall championship on Saturday, held his lead on the pommel horse to retain the title he woo in Stockholm last Mogilny also tied for the parallel bars gold with Daniel Giubellini,

who delighted the home crowd with Switzerland's first European title in 21 years. Another Swiss, Rene Pluess, claimed silver in the high bar. Sergei Kharkov, the third member of the Soviet team who had been hotly faocied for at least one gold, had to be cootent with a silver in the floor exercise and hronze oo the pommel horse.

There was consolation for some less fancied countries as Alojz Kolman, with bronze on the high bar, won Yugoslavia their first European medal since 1959. Neil Thomas' hronze in the vault was Britain's first medal for 33 years.



Sherbo performs on the pommel horse. (Reuter wirephoto)

Theakston wins prologue

PENZANCE, England, May 28, (AP): Cayn Theakston overcame a late start to win the prologue of the 16-day Milk Race cycling event by more than five secoods yesterday, beating fellow Britoo Joey

Theakston, whn missed the 1989 cycling season because of a calf injury, finished the 5.4 mile (8.7 kilometre) time trial in 12 minutes, 1.7

The Briton, who competes for the Tulip Computers Team of Belgium, was two seconds late starting and his foot slipped from a pedal as he left the starting ramp. But he had the fastest time by the halfway mark and maintaioed his quick pace until the end. McLoughlin, the 1986 Milk Race winner, was second in 12:07.1

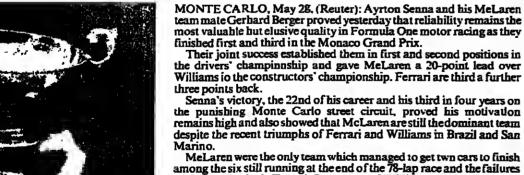


"Regardless of Steinlager's sale, the crew will receive a bonus I consider exceptionally generous," Ford said.

Fisher and Paykel, the New Zealand yacht which finished second in the race, was also recently sold to an Italian buyer for an undisclosed amount.

No further details on the sale were immediately available.

Senna, Berger keep McLaren on top



accounted for Riccardo Patrese.

Elliott runs fast mile

victory, with a decisive burst

500 yards out which took him

clear of European bronze medallist Tony Morrell (3:32.82) and United King-dom champion Steve Crabh

"It was encouraging to ruo

so fast so early and in such a

good quality field," Elliott

said. "I honestly didn't think I

had gone that fast. I would

have settled for a win io some-

thinking and suggesting I'm

peaking too early, hut I know

capture the European title in

Yugoslavia in September and

plans world record attempts

at 1,500 metres and one mile

during this summer's Grand

Now Elliott is looking to

"Everyone seems to be

where around 3:55.

what I am doing."

Prix programme.

of their main rivals Ferrari, Benetton and Williams suggest they have some way to gn befnre they can realistically challenge MeLaren for the Both Ferraris were forced to retire with electronic failures related to the team's semi-automatic gearbox, the two Benettons suffered a hlown engine and a disqualification and Williams produced one finisher -Thierry Boutsen in fourth place — while a misfire in his Renault engine

After suggestions that their ascendancy in performance was on the wane this season, it was a triumphant return to form for the McLaren team, particularly as Berger was forced to drive the team's spare car, set up for Senna, after colliding with Prost on the first lap of the original

The race was halted and re-started and McLaren team manager Rnn Dennis was full of praise for both of his drivers' efforts afterwards. "We ran a taetical race," he said. "But Ayrınn was in full command throughout. Gerhard had to switch to the spare car which was set up for Ayrton and we were able to make only a few changes before he took over. Under the difficult circumstances I think Gerhard put in a superb The only reason McLaren were oot able to repeat the dominant one-

two finish they achieved in 1989 was an equally excellent bullish drive hy Frenchman Jean Alesi in a Tyrrell-Ford, Alesi, driving in a Monaco Grand Prix for the first time, finished second for the second time in four races this season and proved his own

"I feel very happy about this result especially because it is in Monaco," he said. "This may be my first race here, but I have been coming for years to watch from the sidelines.



American Kevin Schwartz in action on his way to victory in the West German motorcycle Grand Prix in Nuerburgning on Sunday (Reuter wirephoto)



Senna raises his trophy. (Reuter wirephoto)

Murray announces 1992 America's Cup bid

SYDNEY, May 28 (Reuter): Australian yachtsman lain Murray today announced a last-minute challenge for the 1992 America's Cup.

The challenge led by Murray, skipper of Kookaburra 111 in the 1986-7 America's Cup, was launched in an unfinished museum serving as the clubhousefor Sydney's new Darling Harbour Yacht Cluh, which was created especially for the Cup bid.

Hockey

'edge Unity

RESORTING to defensive tac-

tics, Cosmos chung on to a slen-

der first-half goal advantage in dethroning last year's cham-

pions Unity, in the semifinals of the Champions Trophy at the Ahmadi Grounds on Friday. A defensive lapse by Unity's

Ashraf, in the form of an incorrect clearance, saw the ball

travel to the unmarked Tommy

whose crisp shot was again deflected by Ashraf in to the Unity goal, catching goalkeeper

Though Unity enjoyed most of the possession of the ball, they

could not co-ordinate any of

their moves. On the other hand, the Cosmos' defence should be applauded for staunchly defend-

ing their citadel, and time and again foiling the Unity moves. Cosmos, left-half Rosario was

outstanding in the midfield. His

display of offensive and defen-

sive tactics was a treat to watch,

and though he generated some good moves he could not get the

Midway through the second

half, Unity's captain Afra Lopez

picked up the ball in his half,

dribbled past an array of Cos-

mos defenders and ended up

with a penalty corner which was

equaliser hut in vain as Cosmos

packed up their defence and

defended bravely to emerge vic-torious by a solitary goal. Cos-

mos meet Flying Arrows in the

finals to be scheduled at a later

Game scheduled for Friday:

4.30 pm Sharma Trophy finals,

Unity vs Cosmos

Six players

still missing

ANKARA, May 28. (Reuter):

Six foreign handball players and

a Turk were missing believed

drowned after their boat cap-

sized yesterday, Anatolian news

Azerbaijani and an Iraqi athlete

heading for a picnic on the shores

of the Bosphorus after an inter-

national handball tournament in

Istanbul were believed to have

died, it quoted Communications

Ministry undersecretary Ertan

One Algerian player died in hospital of head injuries and 10 people were slightly injured in

the accident but most of the pas-

sengers were rescued by fishing

Orhan Zeybek had said yester-

day that all 65 passengers had

Coast guard Vessels and divers

searched for bodies today about

150 metres of Islanbul's

Istanhul public prosecutor

boats or swam ashore.

been accounted for.

Sarayburnu shore.

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Three Algerian, two Soviet

agency said today.

Yulek as saying.

Unity kept on pressing for the

required support to score.

Tony unaware.

Cosmos

for finals

Murray looked ill at ease and was light on details as he explained to journalists how he planned to mount his challenge in the yachting series off San Diego in May,

"My decision to pursue this means I am very confident that we can pul forward a very competent challenge," Murray said. "The challenge has developed rapidly in the last two weeks

Murray, sitting in the echoing entry hall of the National Maritime Museum at Darling harbour, was often drowned out by the drills of workmen who are also struggling to meet a deadline. A newly painted sign "Darling Harbour Yacht Cluh," was nailed to the door of the

Murray said he would need 15 million dollars (\$11.25 million) over the next two sufficient funds for his present needs and indicated he would rely partly on public subcriptions for his finances

"Having established the new Darling Harbour Yacht Club's entry, the next step will be to altract sponsorships and the support of the Australian public, which is essential to this challenge," said an accompanying press release.

Suns burn Trail Blazers

Johnson scores 28 points



Suns' Kurt Rambis (lelt) has his shot blocked by Trail Blazers' Wayne Cooper. (Reuter wirephoto)

LONDON, May 28, (Reuter): John Morris scored his third

first-class century in five innings

to earn Derbyshire a 52-run first

innings lead against neighbours Nottinghamshire in a top-of-the-

table English County Cham-pionship cricket match yester-

Morris hatted with rare auth-

ority on a pitch which offered

plenty of help to the quicker bowlers as he compiled 103 in 150

minutes to help Derbyshire, a point behind leaders Nottingh-

Former England hatsman

Chris Broad hit a half century to

lift Nottinghamshire to 143 for

four in their second innings to

give them a 91-run lead with a

day remaining.

Tempers flared during two

incidents in the final session of.

the match, the only champion-

ship game being played yester-

day.
There were angry exchanges

between Derbyshire fielders and

batsman Derek Randall when an

umpire rejected appeals for a

catch, and Broad made a gesture

to the jeering Derby crowd after becoming visibly upset at being given out leg before wicket.

In the one-day Sunday League

competition, brothers Chris and

Graham Cowdrey put Kent top

of the table with an unbeaten

115-run fourth wicket stand

Graham Cowdrey scored 70

against Northamptonshire.

amshire, reach 274.

Morris hits Notts for 103

John Morris

and Chris 45 to help Kent reach

287 for three, three runs short of

their best score in the 40-over

Former England player Chris

Cowdrey then took four wickets

for 57 as Northamptonshire were

dismissed for 232 in their ninth

successive defeat in all competi-

Middlesex moved into joint

second place with a seven-wicket

win over Gloucestershire at

Lord's thanks to 88 from Mark

Ramprakash and a half century

from West Indian Desmond

Haynes which saw them over-

haul the 201-run target with 14

Lancashire, last season's

League champions, joined Mid-

dlesex in second place with a

four-wicket victory over

competition.

tions this season.

balls spare.

PHOENIX, May 28, (AP): Kevin Johnson had 28 points and 17 assists and Phoenix's bench outscored Portland's 31-10 as the Suns beat the Trail Blazers 119-107 yesterday, tying their Western Conference championship series 2-2.

Game 5 in the best-of-7 series is tomorrow night at Portland's Memorial Coliseum, where the Suns have lost 19 in a row since April 26, 1984. In game 2 at Por-tland, Phoenix blew a 22-point

Phoenix is trying to become only the fifth team in NBA history to come back from an 2-0 deficit and win a seven-game playoff series. Ponland was the last team to do it, against Philadelphia when the Trail Blazers won their only NBA title

Tom Chambers scored 27 points for Phoenix, while Jerome Kersey paced Portland with 29 points - matching his career playoff high set in game 2 - and Terry Porter had 21.

Clyde Drexler, who picked up his fifth personal foul with 4:07 left in the third period, finished with 15 points. He had 20 points in each of the Trail Blazers' first

Chris Broad

Glamorgan for whom Matthew

Maynard (100) and West Indies

captain Viv Richards (77) shared

Standings

Sunday League cricket table after the latest round of matches (tabulate under played, won, lost, tie, no result, points):

Kenl 6 5 1 0 0 20

Derbyshire 5 4 1 0 0 16

a 143-run partnership.

Derbyshire

Laucashire Middlesex

Warwickshire

Chambers scored 18 first-half points and Phoenix closed out the second period with an 11-3 run for a 56-50 lead.

Johnson hit two jumpers and four free throws in a 3:25 span to put the Suns up 81-73 with 2:06 remaining in the third quarter.

Portland missed eight of its 12 free throws in the period and trailed 89-76 entering the fourth

quarter.

Jeff Hornacek's 3-point goal with 7:25 to play capped an 11-3 spurt for a 100-81 bulge, the Suns' largest of the game. The Trail Blazers, trailing 103-

86 with 5:25 left, closed to 111-101 on Kersey's steal and stuff with 3:01 remaining. But Chambers hit a jumper 16

seconds later and Johnson made three jumpers down the stretch to seal the victory.

Dan Majerle added 18 points, Hornacek 16 and Mark West 12

points and 12 rebounds for the Chambers made 10 of bis 17

field goals while Johnson, who had 17 second-half points, hit 12 points and combined with Majerle for the Suns' lopsided advan-tage in scoring off the bench.

Sweden rout Finland in Cup warmup

STOCKHOLM, May 28, (Reuter); Midfielder Anders Limpar scored one goal and laid on three more as Sweden ham-mered Finland 6-0 in a dazzling dress rehearsal for the World

Cup soccer finals yesterday. Sweden, leading 1-0 at half-time, destroyed the Finns with four goals in a seven-minute their final warm-up game before meeting Brazil in their first World Cup clash.

Limpar, who plays for Cremonese in Italy, set up Ben-fica striker Mats Magnusson for the first goal in the fourth minute, and opened the floodgates when he scored in the 57th.

He created the openings for striker Tomas Brolin to score twice, in the 59th and 61st minutes, and was also involved in the huild-up which led to a penalty, converted by Ajax defender Peter Larsson in the 64th.

Benfiea midfielder Jonas Thern, playing his first inter-national this year after a threemonth groin injury, completed the rout 10 minutes later. Sweden manager Olle Nordin,

whose side's opening World Cup match is in Turin on June 10, could not hide his satisfaction. "Limpar was brilliant today, and the whole team played in a

pletely according to my tactical guidelines," said Nordin. He said he was particularly pleased about the appetite of his strikers who had suffered a long drought broken only when

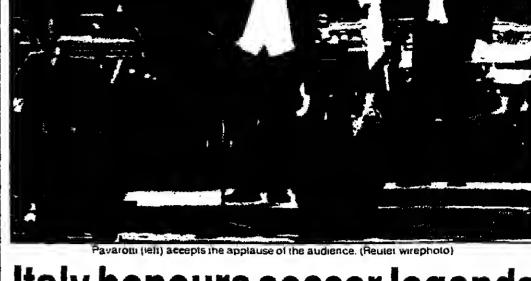
very relaxed manner and com-

Brolin struck in his national debut last month in a 4-2 victory over Wales. "Everything looks fine. We

have no special worries, no special details to polish," said Nordin.

Teams: Sweden - Thomas Ravelli: Roland Nilsson (Niclas Nyhlen, 63rd), Peter Larsson, Roger Ljung, Stefan Schwarz; Anders Limpar, Jonas Thern, Klas Ingesson (Glenn Stromberg, 72nd), Joakim Nilsson; Tomas Brolin (Johnny Ekstrom, 67th). Mats Magnusson (Stefan Petter-

son, 67th). Finland — Kari Laukkanen; Jouka Vuoreia, Hannu Jantu (Markku Kanerva, 35th), Erik Holmgren, Ari Heikkinen; Erkka Petaja, Kimmo Tarkkio, Anders Roth (Tommi Paavola, 58th), Pasi Tauriainen; Ari Hjelm, Mika-Matti Paatelainen.



Italy honours soccer legends

MILAN, Italy, May 28, (Reuter): Soccer-mad Italy hononred the world's superstar players yesterday with a gala concert by opera singer Luciano Pavarotti just 13 days before the kick-off in the World Cup finals.

The ebullient Pavarotti, one of the world's leading tenors and also a passionate Juventus soccer fan, sang to soccer giants from eight countries which have won the World Cup, headed by the legendary Pele of three-times champion Brazil.

Also among those invited to the gala evening, relevised live to 37 countries, were the captain of 1978 winners Argenuna, Daniel Passarella, and his inspirational

countryman Diego Maradona.

Police in Sardinia, expected flashpoint of crowd violence dur-ing next month's World Cup soccer, rehearsed yesterday their anti-hooligan tacties with riot gear and dogs at a local match. Euphoric fans of local team

Cagliari, celebrating their recent promotion into the First Division, filed into the stadium past hundreds of police.

More than 3,000 police will be

drafted in to Sardinia to face English and Dutch supporters, who include Europe's most notorious hooligans, during the month-long spectacular which starts on June 8.

A paramilitary police spokes-man said the display of some 20 armoured cars, dogs, and plastic riot shields did not dampen the fans' enthusiam. "Our rehearsal went very well,

there were no problems. Everyhody was good-humoured, it was one hig party."

Two belicopters flew above the capacity erowd of some 45,000 until shortly before the match started between Cagliari and Triestina.

Police carrying rifles patrolled the perimeter of the pitch for the entire game, a 1-1 draw.

Before the kick-off, England national team manager Bobby Robson, who arrived in Cagliari with his squad on Friday, posed for photographs with the two Italian teams to cheers from the crowd.

■ The mayor of Florence was given a cool reception by Italy's top soccer official at the weekend after trying to play down recent violence by the city's infamous hooligans against Italian World Cup players.

"I'm not here to ask forgiveness," Mayor Giorgio Morales told Antonio Matturese, president of Italy's Soccer Federation at a meeting team sources described yesterday as



Pele (left) and Maradona at the concert. (Reuter wirephoto)



Armed policemen watch Cagliari tans during the full security rehearsal (Reuter wirephoto)

HOVE, England, May 28, (Reuter): Martin Crowe literally made his mark on the scoreboard yesterday as New Zealand déclared 70 runs behind Sussex on the second day of their threeday cricket match.

Crowe hit a delivery from leg-spinner lan Salisbury with such force that as the ball flew for six it

crashed into his own score indicator and dislodged one of

the figures.
The New Zealand vice-captain continued his hard-hitting form to notch 65 off 61 balls, including 11 fours.

The injury-hit visitors, confidently chasing Sussex's splen-did first innings score of 300 for



four declared, settled in mid-afternoon for a declaration on 230 for five.

Sussex were 144 for two in their second innings at the close. New Zealand, 22 for one overnight, were lifted by a second wicket stand of 114 between nightwatehman Mark Priest, their left-arm spin bowling all-rounder, and Jeff Crowe (48).

Priest, who collected nine boundaries in making 72, could take the number six spot in next week's first Test against England at Nottingham if Ken Rutherford fails to recover his form after being hit on the head during the one-day international at the Oval

New Zealand's main priority is to overcome a severe injury crisis involving their attack. Pace bowlers Danny Morrison and Shane Thomson are suffering abdominal and thigh strains res-pectively, in addition to Richard Hadlee nursing a hroken bone in his right hand.

With three-day matches against Warwickshire and Derbyshire due before the Test on Thursday week, the touring learn is considering calling up a second stand-in following the recruitment of paceman Chris Pringle. Mew Zealand have called up Willie Watson as their second stand-in pace bowler to help them through their cricket lour

Watson will join the New Zealanders tomorrow and is likely to play in the three-day match against Warwickshire at Edgbaston the following day.

"Willie will join us on a match-by-match basis," said manager lan Taylor yesterday, the second day of the touring side's three-

day game here against Sussex. Watson played two Tests on New Zealand's 1986 tour of England but has since added only one more cap, against Australia in Perth, last November. Scoreboard

SUSSEX first innings 300 for four declared (J. Hall 120 not out, A. Walls 86, N. Lenham 64) NEW ZEALAND tirst Innings over-

night 22 for one) T. Franklin b Dodamaida. J. Crowe b Selisbury 48
M. Priest c Monres b Donelan 72 M. Greatbatch e C. Wells b Bunting 26 M. Crowe e Donelan b Babbington 65 J. Wright not out _____10 S. Thomson not out _____3 Extras (b-3 lb-1 nb-2)

Total (for five wickets, declared) .230 Fall of wickets: 1-0 2-114 3-139

Did not bat J. Bracewell, A. Parore, C. Pringle, D. Morrison
Bowling: Dodernaide 14-2-56-1,
Bunzing 14-3-42-1, C. Wells 5-1-22-0,
Babbington 9-0-36-1, Salisbury 16-2-55-1, Donelan 9-3-15-1. SUSSEX second innings

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4-0, Priest 11-3-32-0

South Korea name World Cup squad

SEOUL, May 28 (Reuter): South Korea today named its squad of 22 players for the World Cup soccer finals in Italy, which start next month. The team is a mixture of seasoned professionals,

including striker Choi Soon-Ho and veteran captain Chung Yong-Hwan who led the South Korean side during the 1986 finals in Mexico, and a number of promising youngsters.

Team coach Lee Hoe-Taik told reporters last week the squad would be defense-oriented, using a 2-4-4 playing formations, and would aim for quick

Lee droppd Song Young-Rok, a 29-year-old defender, in favour of Cho Min-Kook, a tough stopper and good header who recovered recently from a leg injury.

A sharpshooter in mediaeval costume gets ready to take his turn at a lestival in Gubbio, Italy, where the

Brazilian World Cup squad is training. (Reuter wirephoto)

South Korea, the first Asian nation to qualify for two successive World Cup finals, is generally regarded as much weaker than its Group E rivals Belgium, Spain and Uruguay.

The team is due to leave for Italy on June 5.

Portuguese Cup

LISBON, May 28.(Reuter): Farense's hopes of becoming the first Second Division soccer side to win the Portuguese Cup were put back for another week after they drew 1-1 with Estrela da Amadora after extra time in the final vesterday.

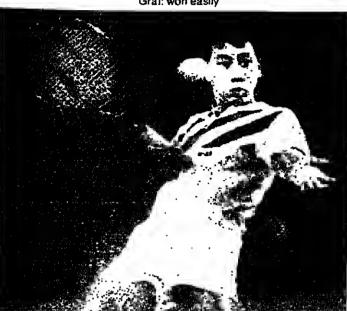
Farense, the first Second Division elub to reach the final since 1962, will have another chance in the replay next Sunday.

Graf brushes aside Paradis

Chang tames Motta in opener



Gral: won easily



THE United Arab Shipping

Company's yacht Danat, skip-pered by Barry Wickett, contin-

ued her recent dominating form

to take the honours in last

Friday's cans races held off the

in a precedent setting month,

the Dana (Juggernaut grabbed

the Khiran Series (80 mile Shaab-

Khiran race plus two 10 mile cans

races), the Bahrain Series (three 10 mile cans races plus the coveted 230 mile Khiran-

Bahrain race) and wrapped

everything up by claiming the Merit Arabian Gulf Series.

finished last Friday with two

cans races at Khiran. Light 6-9

enot north westerly breezes

ideally suited the likes of Gambit

and Red Viking rather than the bigger, heavier Danat and Gull

However, the Danat crew were

determined to press home their advantage and the big boat

immediately broke away from the fleet in the morning race. Red Viking enjoyed a good start and

challenge strongly.

Gambit and Gull Wing were

somewhat disappointing and did not present a threat. Shammal

and Magic Flute got bogged

down and were obviously not

revelling in the light conditions.

'Why not", in ber first race for

many months, performed

admirably and was well placed

on handicap. Whispering, which

had earlier in the week joined the

boars back from Bahrain was not

Sulayem ready for Acropolis test

enjoying one of her better races.

star will be reigning world cham-

pion Mike Biasion. His Lancia

team-mate and current charn-

pionship leader Didier Auriol,

and all the other stars of the

World Championship circuit.
"I couldn'i bave a more severe

test of my driving ability, said the Middle East champion at the end

Kosa's spring racing calendar

Khiran Resort.

Italian Cup

team worth

\$192.5 million

MILAN, Italy, May 28, (AP): The value of the Italian World

Cup squad, at current soccer

market quotations, was estimated at n record of 231

billion lire (\$192.5 million).

Milan's weekly magazine Panorama, which surveyed

the value of players of the 24 teams qualified for the final round of the World Cup.

stressed in its issue today Ibat

the 22-player squad of the

bosi country was worth dou-

ble the Netherlands and

bigh-paid stars such as Diego

Maradona, Marco Van Bas-

The quotation of the

Italian squad was taken to

almost unbelievable levels by

the record market value of

forwards Roberto Baggio

and Gianluca Vialli, who

together are worth about 50

from Fiorentina to Juventus

of Turin. Vialli, the striker of

the Italian team, is considered

not on sale by his club. Samp-

Maradona, who plays in Italy with Major League

Napoli, still led Baggio and

Vialli on the basis of personal

yearly income estimated by the Italian magazine at 3.2

ATHENS: Mohammed bin

Sulayem is ready to face a

thorough examination in the

Acropolis Rally, which gets under way on Sunday and follows a twisting trail through

the mountainous Greek coun-

Setting off ahead of the UAE

tryside for four days.

hillion lire (\$2.6 million).

doria of Genoa.

Baggio recently transferred

billion lire, of \$41.6 million.

ten and Ruud Gullit.

PARIS, May 28, (AP): Michael Chang railied from a mid-match crisis to successfully open defence of the men's title, and Steffi Graf made an explosive start in her bid to regain the women's crown at the French

Open today. The opening matches on the clay courts of Paris also included some upsets. Women's fifth seed Zina Garrison of the United States blew a third-set match point and lost to Wiltrud Probst of Austria, while Rene Simpson of Canada, ranked 134th in the world, beat 13th seeded Ros Fairbank-Nideffer 6-1, 6-2.

Luckier were fourth-seeded Gabriela Sabatini and ninthseeded Conchita Martinez, each moving into the second round of the women's field with straight-

Chang, the first US men's champion in Paris since 1955, came back from a 5-2 deficit in the second set to beat clay-court specialist Cassio Motta of Brazil

The victory was only Chang's third this year and the first time he had won on clay. He also has been bothered by injuries. But against Motta he looked sharp, allowing the Brazilian just two of the final 13 games and winning the tiebreak 7-5.

"It was nice to be back in Roland Garros," Chang said. "Coming off the great tour-nament I had last year has given me confidence to come back and play again. The last three weeks on the clay-court circuit have been tough forme. I'm just trying to play the best tennis I can."

Graf took just 39 minutes to break Pascale Paradis of France 6-0, 6-2 in the opening match on centre court. She won the first nine games and lost just 24 points in the match.

The West German has won eight of the last nine Grand Slam

Danat wins Merit series

Danat completed the triangle/

sausage course in just under 90

minutes and took line honours from Gull Wing by 3 minutes; Gambit finished third, a few min-

ules further back scraping bome

MAGS 7/K2 saw Red Viking first by 3 seconds from Danat with Gambil third.

The afternoon race was run

around the same courses, Gam-

bit hit the sbort line with good

boat speed and was narrowly

beaten to the windward mark by

Danat Gull Wing was frustrated

in her efforts to pressure and had

to wait to the wind mark before

of a long day of practice in his Winston Toyota Celica GT-4.

more talent than any other

World Championship event. I

will bave to do a good job in practice and call on all my

experience when the rally starts.

It will be interesting to see where I

stand in comparison with

Juha Kankkunen in another

Lancia Delta Integrale - along with a man who could give Spain its first world rally title in the near

Driving another Toyota Celica GT-4, Carlos Sainz is

rated a future champion by

Sulayem who says: "I've been up

against him once before, in the

Austurias Rally in Austria three

"He won the rally and I fini-shed third. I'm looking forward

Biasion, Auriol, and the rest." The rest include two former world champions —Ari Vatanen in a Mitsubishi Galant VR4 and

"This rally is packed with

Once again, it was Danat that

sailing clear of Gambit

Handicap corrected results of

from Red Viking by I second.

tournament titles, the lone loss coming on the red clay of Roland Garros a year ago when Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario beat her in the

Graf's lone loss since then was last week, to 15-year-old Monica Seles in the championship match in Berlin. That winning streak covered 66 matches, but some thought that Graf was less than her usually overpowering self and could run into trouble at the French Open.

Maybe later. Certainly, she had no trouble against Paradis. ranked 127th in the world.

Using her mightly forehand to pummel Paradis' weak serves. Graf broke in the second, fourth and sixth games to wrap up the first set in just 16 minutes. She saved two break points in the fifth game before winning with a forehand and broke for the set on

a Paradis double fault.
Paradis squandered two break
points in the fourth game of the first set, then won just three more until finally winning the fourth

game of the second set on a rare Graf error off her forehand. Paradis made it 4-2 when Graf missed on a foreband service return, but that was as close as she got. Graf held for a 5-2 lead and broke for the match with a pair of forehand winners and two Paradis errors.

Graf got another break when ber likely second-round opponent, 1981 champion Hana Mandlikova, withdrew today because of a back injury.

Results Results

Results at the French Open tennis championship today (prefix number denotes seeding): 1- Steffi Graf [West Germany) beat Pascale Paradis (Francet 6-0, 6-2; Radda Zrubakova (Czechoslovakin) beat Silke Meier (West Germany) 6-1, 6-2; Elena Pampoulova (Bulgaria) beat Sylvie Sabas (France) 6-3, 6-3; Sandra Cecchini (Italy) beat Natalie Guerree (France) 7-5, 6-0; Susan Sloane (US) beat Amanda Coetzer (South Africa) 6-4, 6-3; Wiltrud Probst (West Germany) beat 5- Zina Garrison (US) 6-1, 1-6, 7-5; Naoko

comfortably took line bonours, followed by Gulf Wing and Gambit. Handicap corrected results of MAGS g/K3 saw

Danat first, Gambit second, Red

Results of Merit Arabian Gulf

Series
A. Kawait — Bahrain race: 1. Danat, 2. Red Viking, 3. Shammal, 4. Gull Wing, 5. Good Kompany, 6. Sentinel (Bahrain yacht), 7. Majic Flute, DNF Gambit, B. Bahrain Series (Kawait-Bahrain race plus 3 cans races); 1. Danat, 2. Seotinel, 3. Red Viking, 4. Good Kompany, 5. Gambit, 6. Gull Wing, 7. Majic Flute, 8. Shammal.

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5. Gambit, 6. Majic Flute, 7. Good Kom-

Viking third.

Series

Some sailors in action

watch.

Athens on Sunday morning, with

another 85 cars following behind. "Even though we're used

to having a No.1 on the side of

the car, starting much further down the list doesn't worry us." said Morgan. "Mohammed is a

very experienced and capable driver and, if the car performs as well as it did in Jordan, be could

surprise some of the big names."

Sulayem's recent win in Jor-

dan, which has strengthened his

grip on the Middle East title, followed a tremendous effort by

the Winston Toyota Team Mid-dle East, to overcome a succes-

sion of problems before the start.

"That was a victory against all

odds, said team manager Terry Plant. "We're hoping for a less

eventful build-up here.

Sawamatsu (Japan) beat Lindu Harvey-Wild (US) 6-1, 4-6, 6-2; Hu Na (US) beat Kataryna Nowak (Poland) 0-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2; Moaique Javer (Britain) beat Angeliki Kanellopoulo (Greece) 4-6, 6-4, 7-5, 1, 1- Michael Chang (US) beat Cassio Motta (Brazil) 6-2, 7-6 (7-5), 6-1; Fabrice Santoro (France) beat Guillaume Raoux (France) 6-1, 6-4, 6-4; Andrew Sznajder (Canada) beat Cedric Pioline | France| 7-6 (8-6), 6-3, 6-1; Martin Strelba (Czechoslovatkia) beat Kelly Jones (US) 6-1, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; Henri Leconte (France) beat Ronald Agenor (Haiti) 6-4, 6-2, 6-4; Javier Sanchez (Spaio) beat Marcelo logaramo (Argentina) 6-1, 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 [7-4); Bruno Oresar (Yugoslavia) beat Eric Jelen (West Germany) 7-6 18-6) 4-6 2-6 6-1 6-4; Arnaud Boetsch (France) beat Mark

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Kratzmann | Australia | 6-46-06-3; Andrei
Cherkasov | Soviet Union) beat Frederic
Vilous (France) 6-0 6-4 6-4; Christian
Bergstrom | Swaden) beal Todd Witsken
(US) 6-1 6-2 6-0; Johan Anderson (Australia) beal Olivier Delaitre (France) 6-475 6-1; Miban Srejber | Czechoslovakia)
beal David Wheaton (US) 3-6 5-7 6-3 7-6
[7-4] 6-3; Rene Simpson (Canada) beat 13Rosalyn Fairbank-Nideffer | South
African | 6-1 6-2; 9-Conchita Martinez
(Spain) beal Janine Thompson (Australia) 7-5 6-1; 4-Gabriela Sabatini
(Argentina) beal Andrea Viera | Brazil) 60 7-6 [7-4]; Pedro Rebolledo (Chile) beal
Simon Youl (Australia) 7-5, 6-3, 6-1;
Roberto Azar (Argentina) bear Lawson
Duncan | US] 6-3, 6-1, 6-1; Todd Woodbridge (Australia | beat Mansour Bahrami
Itran 2-6, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3, 8-6; 15-Guillermo
Perez-Roldan (Argentina) bear Olivier
Soules (France) 6-7 [6-8), 6-1, 6-3, 6-2.
Natalia Medvedeva (Soviet Unioo) beal Perez-Roldan (Argentina) beat Olivier Soules (France) 6-7 [6-8], 6-1, 6-3, 6-2. Natalia Medvedeva (Soviet Unioo) beat Beverly Bowes (US) 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; Claudia Kohde-Kilsch (West Germany) beat Kumiko Okamoto (Japan) 6-1, 6-1; Camille Benjamin (US) beat Petra Rinter (Austrial 7-6 [7-3], 6-1; Patricia Parabini (Argentina) beat Toanne Faul (Australia) 6-0, 6-4; Regina Rajehrtova (Czechoslovakia) beat Tami Whitlinger (US) 6-2, 6-0; 11- Jana Novotna (Czechoslovakia) beat Isabelle Demongeot (France) 6-0, 6-7 [6-8], 10-8. Jordi Arress (Spain) beat Markus Zoocke (West Germany) 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1; Alberto Mancini (Argentina) beat P- Jay Berger (US) 6-4, 6-2, 6-2; 3- Andre Agassi (US) beat Martin Wostenholme (Canada) 4-6, 7-6 (10-8), 6-0, 6-1. Maria Strandhund (Sweden) beat Sandra Wasserman (Belgium) 6-3, 3-6, 6-0; Linda Ferrando (Italy) beat Andra Keller (US) 3-6, 6-0, 6-4; Cammy MacGregor (US) beat Catherine Suire (France) 6-7 (7-9), 7-6 (7-3), 6-3; Anne Mioter (Australia) beat Fraocesca Romano (Italy) 7-5, 6-3; 8- Katerine Maleeva (Bulgaria) beat Sabina Appelmans (Belgium) 6-3, 6-3; 12- Judith Wiesner (Austria) beat Gretchen Magers (US) 6-4, 6-0,



DHL thrash Trishul by eight wickets

DHL beat Trishul Cricket Club by eight wickets in a Ramh Tour-nament match at the Shuwaikh ground on Friday.

After winning the toss, the Tri-shul skipper elected to bat first but his decision failed to pay any dividends as one of the opening batsman was bowled by Ronnie on the 4th ball of the innings. Wickets kept falling at regular intervals and only Rudy was able to withstand the DHL onslaught

with 34 as Trisbul were all out for 29 runs in 19 overs. DHL's Afsur took four wickets for 14 runs while Saleem got two for 16 and Ronnie, Ayub and

Anil one wicket each. DHL opened through Shabbir and Rodney, with the latter first to lose bis wicket for 21. Ayub did not last long but then Abu Zahr and Shabbir took the Trisbul

bowlers to task. Sbabbir and Abu Zahr remained unbeaten on 48 and 20 respectively as DHL went past

For Trishul, Manoj took one wicket for 13 while Paresh took



France a Marina Alart playing bridga in the biggest contest in post-revolutionary Romania at the Exhibition half in Bucharest on Sunday. She came to Bucharest with her husband, a native of Romania and a bridge player too.
(Reuter wirephoto)

Albanian soccer squad puzzled by 'free market'

(Reuter): An Albanian soccer team fell foul of British police today after loading up on goods worth £2,000 (\$3,500) from an airport shop labelled 'duty-free' — which the players thought meant they

didn't have to pay.
Police detained thirty members of the Albanian under-21 football squad at London's Heathrow Airport after the goods disappeared from shelves.

"Apparently when the Albanians saw the words

'duty-free', they thought they could take anything they wanted free of charge," an airport spokesman said. Police said they had

problems finding an interpreter to question the players. who were travelling from Rome to Reykjavik for a friendly match in Iceland.

"The goods bave been recovered and we are not. pressing charges," a Scotland Yard spokesman said. The squad were told to leave the country and escorted on to a plane to Reykjavik.

Assaf retains golf title

THE annual prize-giving ceremony and end-of-season dinner was held on Thursday at the Hunting & Equestrian Club and the guest of honour Mohamed Majid Al Shaheen, general manager of the club, presented the prizes. The ceremony was hosted by the incoming captain of the golf section, Peter Benham.

Adnan Assaf successfully defended his fitle as club champion by carding best gross of 369 for five medal rounds in the 1989/90 season. One of his qualifying scores was a new course record of one-

under-par 70 which he set last October. In the Eclectic Competition for selected stroke play matches, Suheil Gidwani also set a club record by taking the trophy with 11under-par gross 60. Gidwani fired one eagle, nine birdies and eight

Winners and Runners up Club championship — A. Assaf from K.H. Chung Chalyn Trophy (men) — Y.K. Lee from K.H. Chung Chalyn Trophy (ladies) - S. Sawires from I. Lee Men's Eclectic (Gross) — S. Gidwani Men's Eclectic (Nett) — C.S. Lim Ladies' Eclectic (Gross) — S. Sawires ladies' Eclectic (Nett) — K. Marshall Summer Cup — G. Dean from A. Siddiqi

Jashanmal Trophy Singles — C.K. Lim from K.K. Lee

Swiss Shield Pairs — N. Briggs and W. Colwell from D. Gee and



Gidwani (left) receives his trophy from Al Shaheen

to competing against him again. He's definitely a driver to the target for the loss of only two wickets. Partnered by his regular Irisb co-driver Ronan Morgan, Sulayem will start at No.20 from

Bugno retains overall Tour lead CUNEO, Italy, May 28, (AP): Luca Gelfi of Italy won the 10th stage of the Tour of Italy, beating overall leader Gianni Bugno of

Italy by six seconds in the 6g-kilometre (40.g-mile) time trial. Bugno increased his overall lead by nearly three minutes, taking a four-minute-and-eightsecond advantage over Tour of Italy winner Marco Giovannetti. wbo moved into second place.

Jockim Halupczok of Poland, who was in second, 1.24 behind Bugno after Saturday's ninth stage, finished 3.36 behind Gelfi and dropped to fifth overall, 5.06 behind Bugno.



Gelfi (cantre) with Bugno (laft) and Phil Anderson on the winners' podium. (Reuter wirepholo)

STATE OF

Cup referees

MILAN, Italy, May 28, (AP): The men in black, whose actions in soccer's World Cup can be as decisive as a goal hy Diego Maradona, face their final "trials" early in June. A failure in the 50-metre dash or in long-distance run will mean a referee's expulsion from the one-month champion-ship which kicks off in Italy on

Egypt squad

CAIRO, May 28, (Reuter): Egypt team coach Mahmoud El Gawhari announced his squad of 22 players today for the World Cup soccer finals in Italy which start next month. Three members of the squad play as professionals with clubs in Europe. Third member

WELLINGTON, May 28, (Reuter): John Schuster today became the third member of the New Zealand rugby unioo team to defect to the lucrative world of Rughy League in as many weeks.

Hearts triumph

ACCRA, May 28, (Reuter): Hearts of Oak of Ghanabeat As-Sotra of the lyory Coast 2-1 (halftime 2-1) in the second leg of their African Cup Winners' Cup soccer quarterfinal yester-day. Hearts of Oak won 3-2 on

England defender

SARDINIA, Italy, May 28. (UPt): Injury-plagued defender Mark Wright stands by to play for England just 24 hours after declaring himself lit for the World Cup. The Derby County player is set to appear in England's friendly match with Italian League side Cagliari at Pula tomorrow as the next step in his tomorrow as the next step in his rehabilitation.

Fleck called

VALLETTA, Malta, May 28, (Reuter): Norwich striker Robert Fleck was called into Scotland's World Cup squad yesterday to replace winger Davie Cooper who has been ruled out with a foot injury. **Belgian trlumphs**

ZARAGOZA, Spain, May 28, (AP): Nico Edmonds of Belgium won the 27th Tour of Aragon cycling race yesterday, wearing the overall leader's jersey from the start and finishing eight seconds ahead of 1989 winner Inaki Gaston of Spain.

Skins Game FRISKO, Texas, May 28, (Reuter): Jan Stephenson was sbut out of the money on Saturday but came back to save par on the 17th hole and to walk away with \$200,000 on the final day of the LPGA's first Skins Game yes-terday. Nancy Lopez was the big winner entering the day with \$95,000

earned on Friday in the battle with Betsy King, Joanne Carner and Ste-4-shot lead

CORNING, NY, May 28, (Reuter): Patty Sheehan cut Pat Bradley's four-stroke lead in half but a faulty putter left her attack short, giving Sheehan athree stroke victory—her 26th career triumph—in the Corn-ing Classic golf tournament yester-

Atlanta Classic

MARIETTA, Georgia, May 28, (Reuter): Wayne Levi birdied three of the last five boles to win the \$1 million Atlanta Classic golf tournament yesterday by one stroke over Nick Price of Zimbabwe, Larry Mize and Keith Clearwater.

Dutch player

BRUSSELS, May 28, (Reuter): Dutch World Cup squad member John van Loen has agreed in princi-ple to join Belgian side Anderlecht for three years. Anderlecht deputy manager Robert de Pot said today Anderlecht would finalise the deal with striker Van Leon and his Dutch club Roda later this week. .

E. Germans dominate

FANA, Norway, May 28, (AP): East Germans dominated the Soefteland Grand Prix yesterday, with Kathrin Born winning the women's three kilometre walk and Berd Gummelt taking the men's five kilometre event.

Mass arrest

STOCKHOLM, May 28, (Reuter): Swedish police may have exceeded their authority in the mass arrest of English soccer fans during a World Cup qualifying match last September 6, a report to Sweden's justice omhudsman said today. Police arres-ted 101 English and 105 Swedish supporters who went on the rampage in Stockholm before the game, which ended in a 0-0 draw. All were released.

Harwood wins

WENTWORTH, England, May 28, (Reuter): Australian Mike Harwood snatched the British PGA golf title from holder Nick Faldo despite a magnificent seven-nader-par 65 from the British defending champion

Swindon promoted

LONDON, May 28, (Reuter): Swindon beat Sunderland 1-0 (halftime 1-0) in the English Second Division playoff final at Wembley today to clinch promotion to the first division. Scorer: Gary Bennett (26th minute, own goal). Attendance: 72, 873.



RESULTS of the Regency Bridge Club game played on Sunday: 1. Ahmed Tawil & Bianca Moussali 2. Eibaz & Banayot 3. Duaij & Drexler

1. Sherin & Oskay 2. Salman & Nuha Khalaf 3. Ezzeldin & Hneidi

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Sulayem (righ)) with Morgan (left) and Plant

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